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Cheysson spells out missile stand

MOSCOW, Feb. 17 (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, here on a two-day official visit, Thursday expressed French support for the Geneva talks on reducing Euromissiles, but reiterated that France would retain its own nuclear deterrent.

Speaking at a lunch given for him by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Cheysson said that peace was maintained by a balance of forces and that was why "the French government supports the efforts being made in the Geneva negotiations between the United States and the USSR".

Expressing the hope that the talks would be successful, Cheysson added: "But it is impossible to accept, given this, that the security of a country, my own, would be endangered". He said, that was why the French nuclear force "is and will remain independent" and could not be taken into account at the Geneva negotiations "by two over-armed superpowers".

In his speech on the basis for a "more useful and constructive" dialogue with the Soviet Union, Cheysson turned to Afghanistan where, he said, "a political settlement in line with right and reason would have a very great effect on the situation, not only in the region, but throughout the world".

On international relations, particularly in Europe, the French minister declared: "How could we not hope that the aspirations of all peoples, notably the Polish people attached by so many ties to France, may find a more free and legitimate expression".

Turning to bilateral trade, Cheysson said it gave rise to "concern and dissatisfaction" with France suffering an 8.5 billion franc (about \$1.2 billion) deficit in 1982. This, he pointed out, represented 10 percent of France's total deficit although trade with the Soviet Union represented only three percent of France's global exchanges.

Cheysson and Gromyko started their talks Thursday morning, discussing the Middle East after visits by Cheysson to Amman, Baghdad and Damascus.

5 skulls found in house of horror

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Police searching for mass-murder victims in the back yard of a "house of horror" Thursday reported their most significant find yet: Pieces of at least five skulls.

The remains were unearthed Wednesday afternoon at the house in north London's Cricklewood district, a spokesman at Scotland Yard, London's police headquarters, said.

Authorities have said that as many as 17 persons, most of them young drifters, may have been killed by the murderer over an eight-year period.

The police spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the skulls some of them crushed together were found buried along

Soviets make new N-ban proposal

GENEVA, Feb. 17 (R) — The Soviet Union, long opposed to outside inspectors checking its compliance with arms' agreements, Thursday proposed a system of on-site inspections for a future treaty banning all nuclear testing.

Soviet Ambassador Viktor Issraelyan told the 40-nation committee on disarmament that states signing the treaty could demand on-site inspections if they suspected violations of the ban and complain to the United Nations Security Council if their requests were not granted.

If the treaty was accepted each state would undertake "to cooperate in carrying out any inspection which the Security Council may initiate," he told the U.N.-affiliated body, which has been discussing a total test ban since a 1963 treaty banned all but underground tests.

Western diplomats said the idea seemed linked to Moscow's agreement last week to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspect its peaceful nuclear facilities, its first concession to the strict monitoring favored by Western states.

But U.S. delegate Louis Fields who last week proposed regular on-site checks for a chemical weapons ban, said the U.S. would have to study the plan for any new elements. It seemed to stop short of guaranteed inspections, he said.

U.S. conservatives successfully opposed the 1979 SALT-II Treaty limiting U.S. and Soviet strategic arms because they said it could not be properly monitored. Since then, the Reagan administration has insisted on stringent checks against cheating on treaties, including on-site inspections on demand.

Israel also indirectly criticized the United States for stressing strict monitoring, saying the verification issue was "intentionally used as a pretext for thwarting agreements."

He added: "We are no less interested in verification than other states and will not accept an agreement on disarmament which would not give us due confidence."

"At the same time, the Soviet Union has never and will not put forward the verification problem as a brake in the way of achieving agreements on arms limitation."

He added that the United States was not

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Ice Age skeletons found near Texas

WACO, Texas, Feb. 17 (AP) — Two 10,000-year-old human skeletons buried with an array of artifacts near this central Texas city represent "a national treasure" unequalled in the Western hemisphere, a Baylor University archaeologist has said.

Meanwhile, a university spokeswoman reported that the find, first disclosed last week, actually was made 13 years ago and kept secret until archaeologists finished their work.

The skeletons of an Ice Age man and a child about 12 to 14 years old were found buried side by side, knees drawn to their chests, in a cave about 20 miles (32 km) northwest of Waco on private property on the banks of the Brazos River.

Stone tools, ornaments and food were found buried with them.

These burial artifacts interred with the two individuals 10,000 years ago provide scientific systematic view of Ice Age man's ideological or religious patterns," said university archaeologist John W. Fox. He called the site "a national treasure."

Home office pathologist David Bowen was to visit the scene Thursday to further examine the mass grave, roughly 6 feet (meters) by 6 feet, now covered by a white polyethylene tent.

"It is probably the most important discovery we have had here," detective superintendent Norman Briers told reporters outside the house.

Police have been searching the house and grounds at 195 Melrose Ave., Cricklewood dubbed a "house of horror" by Fleet Street newspapers since discovering backed-up human remains from three victims at another north London address, in Muswell Hill, eight days ago.

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ROBOT TURNS A PAGE: Japanese have built a robot that can gently, yet accurately, turn a page. Called a "Paging Robot", it separates pages as do human fingers and then opens a page to a given arms length. These type of robots will be used in conjunction with computers that recognize words and deliver what is read in tones resembling the human voice. Such robots have been developed that are said to be capable of reading a newspaper with an accuracy of 99.5%.

Renew armed struggle to achieve aims--Habash

ALGIERS, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Palestinian bardine leader George Habash Thursday pressed for both a renewal of armed struggle, at a time when Israeli troops are scattered through Lebanon, and a tough political response to President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan.

Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), one of the major groups inside the umbrella Palestine Liberation Organization, told newsmen here that "only an intensification of armed struggle can reinforce Palestinian political cohesion."

The PLO, he said, should "step up military action" against the Israelis to "renew confidence" in the PLO amid the peoples of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip territories.

The Palestinians, he added "must take advantage of this golden opportunity when Israeli troops are scattered through Lebanon to set out a joint strategy with our Lebanese allies."

Stressing that the Palestine National Council, currently meeting here, should define a "clear policy" on the occupied territories, he called for a "political response" to both the Reagan plan and "all initiatives that drained the Palestinian revolution of all meaning".

Since the Palestinians had evacuated Beirut, he added, they had been blasted by a series of "political bombs" geared to breaking up our ranks and striking a decisive blow against our revolution." He warned Palestinians to "close ranks" to guard against "the dismembering of the PLO."

Meanwhile, the speaker of the 400-member PNC or parliament, Khaled Al-

Peace prospects dim, Iraq says

ANKARA, Feb. 17 (AP) — No prospect for peace appears on the horizon in the two-and-a-half year old Iran-Iraq war, visiting Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yasin Ramadan said Thursday.

Ramadan, here on a three-day official visit for talks on bilateral economic relations and regional problems, said Iraq wanted peace and would support and welcome any initiatives toward this goal.

"We have no specific proposals and we do not know at this stage how peace can be achieved. We want to realize peace through negotiations, including the delineation of our border (with Iran), not by one side imposing conditions on the other," Ramadan responded when asked to comment on Iranian demands to end the war.

Iran has asked for war reparations of \$150 billion. Iran has also vowed to fight on until Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein is toppled.

Ramadan charged that the United States was indirectly encouraging the continuation of the stalemate war, by taking no steps in a search for peace. "If superpowers make no effort for peace, it means they are encouraging war," Ramadan told reporters. He also charged that American manufactured weapons were reaching Iran through third parties, mainly via Israel.

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Project on hotel's staff housing units finalized

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 17 — The Central Department for Governmental Purchases (CDGP), the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, and the supply management development project (CENPRO) of the United States-Saudi Arabian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation have completed a special project in coordination with the director general of hotels and conference halls, Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel, according to Ray J. Viola, CENPRO project director.

He told *Arab News* that the project was to determine the requirements and develop detailed item purchase descriptions (IPDs) for the hotel's employee housing facilities. The IPDs are to be used in the competitive procurement process to completely furnish 208 housing units and one general facilities building which will house about 500 hotel employees, Viola said.

The IPDs, he pointed out, were developed for 211 different items in both Arabic and English. The items include a complete fine of household furniture and furnishings, appliances, food preparation and serving equipment, cleaning, air conditioning, recreational and athletic equipment, maintenance tool kits and passenger vehicles. All IPDs were written emphasizing the buy Saudi program, Viola said, adding, "this will provide a greater opportunity for Saudi Arabian businessmen and manufacturers within the Kingdom to compete in this procurement."

CDGP and CENPRO specialists, according to Viola, worked hand in hand with the hotel's officials on this project, symbolizing the continued cooperation between the Saudi Arabian government and the U.S. Joint Commission, he added.

Bilateral ties discussed during Swiss MP's visit

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — A visiting Swiss parliamentarian, Peter Sagar, has called on Abdul Rahman Al Mansouri, the Kingdom's foreign undersecretary for political affairs.

Sagar, who also chairs the Central Democ-

Arab sports, youth experts begin meeting Saturday

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Sports and youth experts from Arab Gulf states will hold a three-day meeting here Saturday to prepare for an Arab Gulf sports and youth ministers conference due to be held here Tuesday.



FIRE FIGHTERS

Fire destroys Bab Makkah market area

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — A major fire that lasted for more than two hours Tuesday completely ravaged the Bab Makkah Souk (market), *Al-Madina* reported Thursday. The fire started on the second floor of a popular coffee shop surrounded by a large number of shops. The fire soon reached a series of shoe shops and warehouses beneath the cafe, causing heavy damage in one warehouse in particular. Fire fighters struggled to get to the scene, because of the narrowness of the lanes.

The fact that shops were next to each other and contained highly flammable material, such as gas bottles in some cafes and restaurants, plastic shoes and materials added to the severity of the situation. More than 15 shops were destroyed before several civil defense teams managed to contain the blaze.

A number of houses were also burned and fire fighters, many of whom were suffocating from heavy smoke, emptied neighboring buildings. An inquiry has been opened into the cause of the fire.

PLO official sees PNC session in Algiers as most crucial ever

RIYADH, Feb. 17 — A Palestinian leader has described the Palestine National Council (PNC) session being held in Algiers as one of the most important gatherings of its kind.

Dr. Ahmad Sidki Al-Dajani, a PLO Executive Committee member, said in an interview with the weekly magazine *Al-Yamama* the meeting which began Monday had important and pressing items on its agenda. He noted that the session came after the Beirut battle and said the international balance in the Middle East required a clear Arab stand to face dangers threatening the region.

"After the Beirut battle there emerged several peace initiatives requiring certain

action, and the PNC should clearly map out the future course to be followed," he said.

"Topics to be discussed by the PNC included joint Arab action within the framework of the Fez summit, Palestinian relations with neighboring Arab countries and Palestinian moves at the international level," Dajani added.

He said the PLO was trying, jointly with the rest of Arab states, to ensure that other peace initiatives adopt the Arab peace plan.

Declaring that U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace initiative did not meet the aspirations of the Palestinian people although it contained "certain positive points," Dajani said the PLO has certain observations to make on the American initiative.

The PLO's aim was to persuade the international community to adopt the Arab peace plan, he noted.

Dajani stressed that the PLO was determined to exercise its right to resist, a right guaranteed by all international charters. "Palestinian resistance will continue as long as occupation exists," he affirmed.

Turning to Jordanian-Palestinian negotiations, he said these had resulted in agreement in principle on a form of confederation but what was required now was making additional efforts so that the move would become "ripe."

Microwave network inauguration on Monday

DOHA, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Qatar's Minister of Communications and Transport will Monday inaugurate a 40-million Qatari riyal microwave network linking Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

The occasion will be part of Qatar's ceremonies marking the 11th anniversary of Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al-Thani's coming to power.

Among other things, the network will facilitate television transmission to Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom has completed certain important telecommunications projects, which include upgrading 12 MHz to 60 MHz, the east-west pipeline and construction of telephone telex system of Yanbu Industrial city. The long distance telecommunications network, 300 microwave stations spread along a 10,000 kilometer distance and 200 kilometers of coaxial cable 12 MHz and 60 MHz from Taif to Damman and Dammam to Khafji at the border of Kuwait are some of the achievements.

13 Arab states give SR6.15b to 238 projects

RIYADH, Feb. 17 — Thirteen Arab countries contributed SR6.15 billion to 238 private industrial projects in Saudi Arabia until the third quarter of 1982, according to statistics drawn up by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, *Al-Riyadh* reported.

The projects, in which Arab private capital is involved, account for 11.34 percent of total financing of authorized projects in Saudi Arabia in which SR54.21 billion are invested, without counting basic industry projects.

The plants covered by that financing constitute 8.87 percent of the 2,694 licensed plants in Saudi Arabia.

Saudia declares 1983 as 'year of challenge'

TAIF, Feb. 17 — 1983 will be "the Year of Challenge," it was proclaimed Tuesday at the end of a Saudi Airlines (Saudia) marketing conference at Al-Hada Sheraton Hotel here. *Otaf* reprinted.

According to the final declaration, the challenge will be against three targets: improvement of services, boosting of revenue and less expenditure. The opening session was presided over by Saudia General Manager Capt. Ahmad Matar.

During a press conference Capt. Matar said that last year's target was fulfilled; Saudia received a fresh impetus, as last year was "the Year of the Thrust."

Services were improved and the level of efficiency at domestic stations and overseas posts was greatly enhanced, he explained. The company also managed to handle complete maintenance of its Tristar planes in the Kingdom.

Deal signed for handicapped child welfare building

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Dr. Gbazi Algozai, the minister of industry and electricity, acting health minister and head of the Handicapped Child Welfare Society, has signed an SR80 million contract with a national firm to build the society's headquarters. The contract will be carried out over a 24-month period.

Work will start next week on the project which will cover a 48,240 square meter area of which the buildings will occupy 16,000 square meters.

Dr. Algozai said that the center will give full board for 60 children. He added that every child would need the care of five persons.

Saudi Arabian nationals will be trained at the society to gradually takeover from the foreign staff. Part of the project will be covered by the support medical sciences faculty and the faculty of medicine.

Trade talks under way with Italian delegation

DAMMAM, Feb. 17 (SPA) — A visiting Italian trade delegation has met with members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Eastern Province with the aim of promoting furniture exports from Italy.

The delegation, led by Pesaro Chamber of Commerce President Giorgio Tombari, discussed obstacles facing the export of Italian furniture to the Kingdom.

The team, which arrived in Saudi Arabia Friday for a 10-day visit, will also be going to Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait.

N. Yemen minister lauds Saudi assistance

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al-Thor has praised Saudi Arabian aid to help his country overcome the tragedy it faced as a result of the Dhamar earthquake in December. He spoke to reporters on arrival here Tuesday.

The minister said his visit was part of a tour of several countries in the region aimed at explaining efforts made to deal with the catastrophe.

He also praised the sympathy expressed by leaders of Gulf states he had already met with.



MICROWAVE EXPLANATION: Details about the Saudi Arabian intra-Kingdom microwave system, which is being operated and maintained by the Saudi Arabia Telecommunication Company (SAKELCO), being explained to Bahraini Telecommunication Minister Ibrahim Hameid and Omani Communication Minister Naser Ahmed Al-Rehman and Dr. Al-Moayed, chairman of the Middle East Communications and Electronics Show & Conference (MECOM '83), by SAKELCO's Mirza during their visit to the company's stand at the MECOM '83 held in Bahrain recently.

On Bahrain causeway

Kingdom seeks excavations

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will submit proposals at a meeting in Bahrain soon on carrying out excavations on the Saudi Arabian side of the causeway connecting the Kingdom with Bahrain. The proposals also call for making an archaeological survey of the pilgrimage highway running through Jordanian territory and Zobeideh Road in Iraq.

The proposals are considered of great

importance and a follow-up of a survey made by the Saudi Department of Archaeology and museums of parts of the road located in Saudi territory.

Delegates from the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), UNESCO and the Regional Center for the Preservation of the Archaeological Heritage in the Arab world will also take part in the meeting.



DESERT TENT: Hyatt Regency, Jeddah, is the first hotel in the city to introduce "Desert Tent," reflecting the tradition and culture of the Kingdom. The tent is located in the main lobby, decorated with an Arabian touch.

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By a Staff Writer

brian hospitality, especially exemplified by Saudi Arabia, he said.

Located in the main lobby, the attractively decorated tent features sheepskin alcoves, simple furniture and the indigenous hooka pipe.

The tent was decorated by one of our Tunisian staff members, reflecting the tradition and culture of the Kingdom, it will be a landmark in Hyatt Regency hotels, he said.

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A. Itani said.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:52	3:23	3:09	3:33	4:01
Magrib (Sunset)	6:21	6:19	5:50	5:35	5:59	6:27
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Syria ready to pullout -- Shultz SAM-5 threat to Israel ruled out

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said he has been personally assured by the foreign minister of Syria that Syrian troops will be withdrawn from Lebanon when Israeli troops leave.

In an appearance before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, Shultz also disclosed Wednesday that Soviet troops are in Syria to operate SAM-5 long-range anti-aircraft missiles which Moscow has recently supplied to Syria.

While U.S. intelligence officials had anticipated a Soviet presence to operate the missiles, Shultz offered the first public confirmation this has happened. He called it "an

"My heart bleeds for Lebanon"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said he was sure Lebanese felt remorse over the Palestinian massacre even if they have not completed an inquiry.

"Pour Lebanon," Shultz said when Republican Representative Henry Hyde deplored that Lebanese officials did not appear to be investigating the Christian militia massacre of Palestinians in Beirut last September.

"Lebanon has been destroyed, almost, by problems that did not originate in Lebanon," Shultz said. "My heart bleeds for Lebanon. I think Lebanon, of all countries in this world, deserves all the help and support it can get because of our inability to come to grips adequately with these other problems."

unwelcome development to put it mildly."

He said the missiles, which have a range of up to 305 kilometers, don't seriously threaten Israel. "Right now, it's hard to argue that there is somebody around there (the Middle East) that really can threaten Israeli security."

Shultz also said there is "a reasonable possibility" that Jordan's King Hussein will agree to talk peace with Israel, saying this was the "key at this point" for achieving a lasting Arab-Israeli peace.

"We have had extensive discussions with King Hussein and we think there is a reasonable possibility that he will want to enter this process," Shultz said.

He said Reagan was trying to reinvigorate the Camp David peace process with his initiative and that they were achieving some success in convincing Arabs that they intended to address the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

"The Arab world in general looked upon this (Camp David) process as one that would not result in real attention to the Palestinian issues; so they've been very leery of the Camp David process," Shultz said. "They felt that in the end it would not result in what they

U.N. conference on Palestine set

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 17 (AP) — A U.N. conference on Palestine will take place next Aug. 16-27 at headquarters of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris. One of the planners predicted Wednesday that it would be the largest gathering on the Palestine issue ever held.

Hans Janitschek of Austria told a reporter, "we expect ... at least 150 states." Janitschek said the Palestine Liberation Organization was invited and he "would not be surprised" if PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat turned up.

Janitschek is senior adviser to Mrs. Lucile Marin of Jamaica, secretary-general of the conference, who is also undersecretary-general in the U.N. secretariat itself. That makes her the highest ranking woman in the secretariat.

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Afghan-held soldiers flay Soviet actions

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Several Soviet soldiers held by Afghan freedom fighters were quoted as telling American visitors that they oppose Soviet actions in Afghanistan and want to come to the United States.

The visitors were a news crew from the American ABC Television network and a representative of Freedom House, a New York-based political rights organization that concentrates on Communist bloc countries. A report on the trip was broadcast by the network Thursday.

Freedom House said Ludmilla Thorne, the Soviet-born director of its Center for Appeals for Freedom, and the television crew entered Afghanistan for two days in early February and talked to seven prisoners at a camp near Kandahar. All had deserted from the army.

Four of the seven prisoners said they wanted to come to the United States, according to Ms. Thorne.

In a transcript released by ABC, Sgt. Greisha Suleymonov, 20, was quoted as saying, "I want to go, if it's possible, to America. Because in the Soviet Union, they'll put me away."

'Unseen killers' stalk war-torn Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (AP) — Almost daily, Lebanese newspapers list victims of the unseen killers — the mines, rockets, shells and cluster bombs left after eight years of warfare.

Police records show 41 persons have died and 53 were injured in accidental explosions of cluster bombs and mines since Israel's invasion of Lebanon last June.

The job of clearing the mines from the streets, vacant lots and rubble of war has fallen mainly to the Lebanese army and the multinational peacekeeping force made up of Italians, French, British and Americans. French and Italian troops in particular have the burden of removing mines and clearing away lethal leftovers.

"I sincerely believe that several years from now we will still find bombs on the ground here because of earth movement and construction works," said Col. Jean Guertz, head of the French contingent's mine-clearing team.

"People find bombs and don't know what to do with them so they throw them away along with their garbage," said a spokesman for the Italian contingent, Capt. Corrado Cantatore, 39, of Bari in southern Italy. Police say at least two garbage collectors have died in recent months tending piles of refuse containing unexploded ordnance.

A U.S. Marine was killed and four were injured last September by a cluster bomb found near Beirut International Airport, and two other peacekeepers lost legs in early February — a French soldier who stepped on a mine in downtown Beirut and an Italian who picked up a small, cylindrical cluster bomb.

No figures are available on how much ordnance has been found since the war ended last August, but Italian soldiers said they still find about 200 to 300 kilos a day.

The Italians collected 10 tons of discarded explosives last fall when they first arrived, said Raimondo Dolce, 28, of Busto Arsizio, head of the Italian ordnance team.

Since last September, Italian and French ordnance teams have exploded or removed more than 19,400 mines and other explosives in their areas of Beirut.

Of the more than 8,600 mines detonated by the Italians, Dolce said nearly 30 percent were made in the Soviet Union, 20 percent in the United States, 7 percent in Britain, 14 percent in France, 4 percent in Israel and 4 percent made by Palestinian commandos.

BRIEFS

CAIRO (AP) — Chad President Hissene Habre conferred with Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri in Khartoum Thursday, the Egyptian state-run Middle East News Agency said.

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan has purchased 18 A-5 close-support fighter planes from China, it was officially announced here. The first six-plane squadrons landed Wednesday at the Peshawar Air Base.

CAIRO (AP) — A U.S. congressional delegation led by U.S. Representative Neal Smith arrived Wednesday for a four-day stop which is part of an inspection trip in the Middle East, daily newspaper Al Ahram said.

DOHA (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview published here Thursday that there could be no stability in Lebanon unless all foreign forces withdraw from the country.

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's former senior negotiator in peace talks with Israel, Mustapha Khalil, has said the Jewish state's judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacres should

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From Mexico

America will seek hijacker extradition

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17 (AP) — The United States will ask for the extradition of a hijacker who fought off three U.S. soldiers and diverted a commuter plane from Texas to Mexico, an American Embassy spokesman said.

"The State Department will seek his extradition under normal procedures," spokesman John Walsh said in a telephone interview.

Pilot belittles belly landing

MIAMI, Florida, Feb. 17 (AP) — The pilot who set his 727 jetliner down safely in a spark-flying belly landing after the landing gear jammed said Wednesday it was "not all that big a deal." But President Ronald Reagan called to praise him for a "remarkable" job.

Meanwhile, investigators began examining the plane to determine why the gear malfunctioned after takeoff Tuesday night.

"A belly landing is not all that big a deal," said Capt. Richard Curti, who landed the Eastern Airlines 727 carrying 74 persons here. "I don't want to sound mundane about it, but we were just doing the job."

Said passenger Frank Witko: "He set in down so smooth, it was even better than with wheels."

Curti, 49, a 20-year Eastern veteran and a captain for 10 years, got a telephone call Wednesday from Reagan. "I just wanted to call you and congratulate you for what you did for all those passengers," Reagan said, adding that he saw the "remarkable landing" on television.

Spain terrorists held

BARCELONA, Feb. 17 (AP) — At least seven members of an international ultralibertarian terrorist organization have been arrested here and in Valencia, the national news agency, EFE, reported Wednesday.

In Madrid, Interior Ministry spokesman Julio Fernandez confirmed that police were carrying out "important arrests" in the two cities.

Quoted "informed sources," the independent news agency Europa Press said the detainees, including Spanish, French and Italian nationals all part of an organization called "Black Plot or Connection" (Trama Negra) were connected with the August 1980 bombing of the Bologna railway station in which 84 persons died and the October 1980 bombing of a Paris synagogue which claimed four lives.

Hussein Shey Kholya, 37, a former Iranian Air Force pilot — surrendered in Nuevo Laredo and was flown here Tuesday after authorities guaranteed him safe conduct out of the country.

But a source in Mexico City, who talked on condition he not be identified, said there was no confirmation that Kholya is Iranian or a former air force pilot. "He could also be an American of Iranian descent," the source said.

Both the United States and Mexico are signers of The Hague convention on hijacking, which requires that countries arrest and surrender air pirates. The two countries also have a treaty permitting hijackers to remain under arrest in the other's country for up to 60 days.

Kholya had demanded to be flown to Cuba when he surrendered. But there was no indication that Cuban authorities would take him. Mexican authorities said they were consulting with "a number of countries" but did not list them.

Meanwhile, he is being held here, at the Federal Security Administration, Interior Department spokesman Sergui Luis Chico said.

The Federal Security Administration is an inter-police task force that handles special government assignments which include handling hijackers.

Kholya hijacked the plane for five hours but his manner was so cool the 20 other people aboard remained calm, one of the three soldiers said.

"Everybody was pretty calm because he was pretty calm after a while," said U.S. Army Sgt. Baron Liggins, 24, one of those aboard during Tuesday's hijacking.

Liggins and 15 other passengers, two flight attendants and two pilots were freed unharmed about five hours later after the plane had been diverted to the airport at Nuevo Laredo.

Rio Airways' flight 252 was seized Tuesday morning halfway through a one-hour flight to Dallas from Killeen, a central Texas army town.

After the hijacker was told the plane could not reach either Mexico City or Havana, he chose Nuevo Laredo. After the incident ended, Kholya was flown to Mexico City by Mexican authorities, and the passengers were flown back to Killeen. Officials guaranteed Kholya safe conduct out of the country.

A statement from Mexico's Interior Ministry identified Kholya as a former Air Force pilot and an Iranian activist who had opposed the late Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi.

The hijacker told Rio Airways chief pilot Michael McNeil he hijacked the plane because he wanted Americans to be aware of what was going on in Iran.



WELCOME: Schoolchildren were among 2,000 Bermudians and tourists who turned up at the crowded civil air terminal to greet Queen Elizabeth during the one-hour stopover in Hamilton recently. (Wirephoto)

Cayman islanders greet Queen Elizabeth

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands, Feb. 17 (AP) — More than 3,000 Cayman Islands residents turned out on Wednesday as Queen Elizabeth II, the first reigning British monarch ever to travel here, stepped off a Royal Air Force plane.

The queen was applauded after being greeted by governor Peter Lloyd, her representative in the Cayman Islands and the three-island group's highest government official.

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Feb. 17 (AP) — Former white Rhodesian leader Ian D. Smith called on the black Socialist government to resign following the defense chief's refusal to answer legislators' questions about alleged atrocities committed against civilians in strife-torn Matabeleland.

"A good number of dissidents and their

collaborators have died, but I regret that I cannot give any figures at the present time," Minister of State for Defense Sydney Sekeremai said in answer to questions in parliament about alleged massacres, looting and raping by government soldiers.

Former Prime Minister Smith, last white leader of the British colony of Rhodesia, announced in the executive National Assembly he would call on the government to resign next Wednesday.

Giving notice of his motion, Smith cited alleged human rights violations, abuses of the constitution, interference with the administration of justice, a "serious breakdown" in maintaining law and order and "incompetent" handling of the economy for his move.

Smith, 63, whose Republican Front Party holds half the 20 seats reserved for whites in the 100-member assembly, was jeered by Mugabe's legislators as he read through his motion.

Sekeremai, questioned about alleged atrocities committed by the North Korean-trained fifth brigade in Matabeleland, said he could not comment on reports of murder, looting, rape, torture and abduction by soldiers.

Asked about a report by the American magazine, *Newsweek*, that 500 civilians had been slain by troops in central Matabeleland over three weeks the minister replied: *Newsweek* does not speak on behalf of the Zimbabwe government and if some people want to be entertained by that magazine they are free to do so."

The minister admitted that "a number" of civilians had fled from dissident areas for the safety of places like Bulawayo.

But Labor and Social Services Minister Kumbirai Kangai, also quizzed about reports that thousands of villagers had fled their homes, told the assembly only about 100 persons were being cared for at a church in Bulawayo.

Earlier Wednesday, the government denied reports that some 500 Matabeleland villagers had been massacred.

Meanwhile, *The Star* newspaper in Johannesburg alleged that thousands of refugees have fled from Matabeleland, seeking refuge in Botswana because of "indiscriminate massacres of tribesmen" by the Zimbabwean Army.

The newspaper said that reports reaching Pretoria said that up to 1,000 refugees were gathered at Lobatse in southeastern Botswana, waiting to cross the border into South Africa in search of jobs.

Eighteen had been arrested after crossing into South Africa and were being held at Klipdriftorp 200 kilometers southwest of Johannesburg, *The Star* said. But the South African government said it could not confirm the report.

"About 5,000 refugees have flocked to Botswana in recent weeks. Many come from the Tholotso area of Matabeleland, where the army is shooting all young men," an informed source told the newspaper.

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The next president must shape domestic policies that actually achieve progress instead of perpetuating programs merely because there is a pressure group for them," Hart said in remarks prepared for delivery Thursday.

Hart, elected to the Senate from Colorado eight years ago, is the second Democrat behind Sen. Alan Cranston of California to formally announce his candidacy for the 1984 race.

At 45, he is the youngest of six Democrats likely to seek the nomination Spelling out his remedy for economic recovery, Hart called for restraining millions of American workers, retooling worn out U.S. factories and opening up world trade markets, all long-term solutions.

"We now face a stark choice between national renewal or national decline," Hart said in his speech, which he was to deliver from the steps of the Colorado state house.

But Hart offered no short-term proposals for lowering unemployment, which now stands at 10.2 percent, or reducing interest rates.

One of the younger breed of pragmatic liberals who do not flinch from some of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's budget cuts, Hart said, "we can be tender-hearted if we are also tough-minded."

Reagan, Hart said, has given the country a false choice between an inefficient government frozen in the ice of inefficient programs and an insensitive government which warns only to the claims of money and privilege."

Since last summer, Hart has criss-crossed the country, building a political organization and raising \$225,000 for a campaign he admits is a long shot. "We have a long, difficult way ahead," he said.

Hart has first gained attention in political circles when he served as former Sen. George McGovern's presidential campaign manager 12 years ago. Hart was credited with building the political organization that propelled the liberal Colorado senator from obscurity to the party's presidential nomination.

In the Senate, Hart has steered a centrist course, urging changes in defense policy.

"The next president ... must guarantee our defenses are the most effective, not the most expensive," Hart said.

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Malaysia called off its air and sea search Thursday for a Lear jet believed missing off the Indonesian coast of Sumatra since Sunday with the nephew of the Sri Lankan president, Philip Upali Wijewardene, and five others aboard. Indonesian aircraft and ships however continued to search for the Sri Lanka millionaire and his party, but had made no request for Malaysian aid. Upali was to have celebrated his 44th birthday Thursday.

BIRLIN (AFP) — East Germany released eight political prisoners here Wednesday night. The tour, from June 14 to July 1, will include Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ottawa and Alberta. Buckingham Palace said no decision has been made about whether the

Draft deals with M.E. at nonaligned conference

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (AFP) — India has submitted what analysts view as two relatively moderate resolutions to the 96 countries and organizations invited to next month's nonaligned summit here.

A political draft deals with U.S. policies, the Middle East, the South African occupation of Namibia, the Soviet role in Afghanistan and the Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia, among other issues. It is critical of Britain for keeping the Falkland Islands, and of France for holding Mayotte.

An economic draft calls for improved North-South dialogue and increased aid to the Third World.

The nonaligned commissions will meet to discuss the drafts on March 1, and then work will be submitted to the foreign ministers on March 3 and 4. The final draft resolutions will be presented to the heads of state on March 7, 8 and 11, an official said here.

Western diplomats who studied the two drafts — containing more than 100 pages — said they do not vilify the United States for its Latin American and Middle East policies, as had been the case in previous nonaligned gatherings.

The political draft urges Washington to follow "a more constructive policy for peace and dialogue" in Latin America, particularly in Nicaragua, Panama and Cuba. It emphasizes that Cuba has been subjected to a U.S. economic boycott for the past 22 years.

Washington's support for Israel and the Camp David accords, signed by the United States, Israel and Egypt, is not denounced as it was in the nonaligned foreign ministers' final resolution adopted in New Delhi in February 1981. The United States was then accused of supporting Israel's aggressive policy in the Middle East.

The text voices support for the resolution adopted by Arab leaders at the summit in Fez, Morocco, last autumn. The Arab resolution calls for the creation of an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

The Middle East and Namibia's independence will be among the key issues discussed at the summit. The Palestine Liberation Organization and Namibia's Southwest Africa People's Organization have been invited.

On Namibia, currently ruled by South Africa in defiance of United Nations resolutions, the draft condemned what it called the "foot-dragging" by the five-nation Western contact group (the United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany); the sources said the contact group is mandated by the U.N. Security Council to negotiate an internationally acceptable independence settlement.

The economic draft resolution calls for a resumption of North-South dialogue, the development of South-South exchanges and a liberalization of rules of international bodies in favor of the Third World. It also proposes the establishment of a world food bank with a permanent reserve of 15 million tons of grain by 1985.

The political draft demands Mauritanian sovereignty over the Chagos archipelago, which includes the island of Diego Garcia, site of a major U.S. naval base. That island is British, but is leased to the United States.

It also strongly condemns South Africa for its apartheid policy and Israel for its invasion of Lebanon. It calls for the return of the British-held Falkland Islands to Argentina and self-determination for Puerto Rico and the Moroccan-controlled Western Sahara.

Neither Moscow nor Hanoi is named in the draft although both are implicitly condemned for their military interventions in Afghanistan and Cambodia.

As in the 1981 foreign ministers' resolution, the current draft calls for "the withdrawal of foreign troops, respect for the territorial integrity and independence of the two countries and self-determination for the Afghan and Cambodian peoples."

As summit president, India will try to work out a compromise on Afghanistan and Cambodia, in an effort to safeguard the movement's unity and insulate it from East-West rivalry, authoritative Indian sources said.

India is standing firm on its decision not to invite Prince Norodom Sihanouk, president of Cambodia's anti-Hanoi coalition government. The Cambodian seat will be vacant unless nonaligned members decide otherwise by consensus, which is unlikely.

India has also circulated for consideration a three-point charter for "the settlement of disputes among member countries based on strict adherence to the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries concerned, the inviolability of internationally recognized borders, non-interference and respect for the rights of developing nations."

New Delhi hopes that the charter, if adopted, could serve as a basis for settlement of the 29-month-old Iran-Iraq war.

prince couple's baby Prince William will go.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) — Brazilian police seized 362 kgs of cocaine in 1982, more than triple the amount in 1981, federal narcotics agents said here Wednesday. The value of the cocaine was estimated at \$1.8 billion, more than double the budget of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Police confiscated 730 tons of marijuana in 1982, compared to 233 tons the year before.

PARIS (AFP) — Jean Marin, former chairman and managing director of Agence France-Presse, was created grand officer of the legion of honor by President Francois Mitterrand. Marin, aged 73, was head of the French news agency up to 1975.

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Anticipating U.K. price cut**Spot oil trading at a standstill**

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — International oil trading was virtually at a standstill Thursday in anticipation that Britain will cut its crude price Friday by between \$3 and \$3.50 a barrel.

Traders on the free spot market said business was restricted to meeting pressing short-term requirements for crude and many operators were content to stay out of the market pending a move on official prices.

Britain's state trading company, the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), is expected to recommend a cut in the North Sea oil price sometime Friday to both its suppliers and its customers.

The price tag on a barrel of British Forties crude, the marker for all North Sea grades, presently stands at \$3.50.

Industry sources are predicting a cut of either \$3 or \$3.50. They say a smaller reduc-

tio would fail to satisfy the demands of BNOC's major buyers while a larger cut could prompt an uncontrolled price slide on world markets.

Prices on the northwest European spot market have been depressed for the past month since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) failed at talks in Geneva to come up with a production-sharing scheme to coöperate the effects of the present world oil glut. British Forties crude traded Wednesday at \$29 a barrel, \$4.50 below the current official price.

The OPEC impasse put particular pressure on BNOC, which is constitutionally required to market all the oil at its disposal at prices dictated by market forces.

BNOC markets some 1.2 to 1.3 million barrels a day of total British North Sea production of around 2.2 million barrels, a figure that puts Britain among the world's top ten producers. Although Britain is not a member of OPEC, its expected price cut will put

immediate pressure on members of the exporter group, industry sources said.

Nigeria, which sells a high quality light crude comparable to British oil at \$35.50 a barrel, has seen sales plummet by about 50 percent this year because of the reluctance of buyers to commit themselves to long-term contracts at prices they believe are destined to fall.

There is speculation that Nigeria might match any BNOC cut and there were indications Thursday that major Gulf exporters are ready to start discounting.

The Bahraini finance minister, Ibrahim Abdul-Karim, was Thursday quoted as saying some Gulf OPEC states may already have offered price cuts on their own official rate of \$34 a barrel.

There was also news from Tokyo that Japanese importers were to reopen talks with Oman, a small Gulf producer, with a view to gaining a \$4 cut to the price of Oman oil.

China plans to slash subsidies

PEKING, Feb. 17 (AP) — China is planning to slash subsidies from 30 percent to 20 percent of state spending, officials here say. But the cuts will be gradual, Western analysts say, so they won't antagonize workers and spark "Polish-type" unrest.

China's subsidies for 1978 to 1981 totaled about \$31.4 billion. That's about \$15 for food, clothing, housing, medical care and recreation for each worker.

Officials say the subsidy cuts are part of an effort to reduce the government's budget deficit, which was about \$750 million in 1982.

No major reductions have been reported yet. The cuts, when they come, are expected to be in subsidies for small everyday items, possibly radios and wrist watches. They also are expected in the countryside where peasants are being encouraged to produce more and earn more.

China, however, is providing about \$50 million in new subsidies to help 50 million peasants cope with a 20 percent increase in the price of cotton cloth.

However, Western economic analysts say the situation in China is different from that in Poland, where workers rioted a year ago over subsidy cuts that increased some prices as high as 400 percent.

"What happened in Poland simply cannot happen here," said one Western analyst who asked not to be named. "Something drastic is just not in the cards." The plan to trim the subsidies stems from proposals made last November by Finance Minister Wang Biqian.

Newspapers here were filled with reports of overly generous subsidies, fueling speculation that consumers were being prepared for price increases.

Cutting subsidies is considered an essential first step in reforming an irrational pricing system and freeing state money for such government priorities as developing transportation and energy.

Housing is one example of unrealistic prices. The average urban dweller pays only about \$1.25 a month rent, when the minimum to cover construction and maintenance costs would be between \$5 and \$7.50.

Food shortages grip Chad

NDJAMENA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — People in central, eastern and northern Chad, who are facing serious food shortages, have for the last few weeks been moving in large numbers into the towns, or toward Sudan in the east, in search of something to eat, according to reliable sources here.

There has not been a proper cereal harvest in these regions since 1979 because of drought and civil war, which have been the cause of several previous major population movements. A report by U.N. experts speaks of "general impoverishment" and of "prac-

tically nil harvests."

Most of the inhabitants of the Kanem region, to the east of Lake Chad, are currently reduced to eating wild plants and roots. In December, agricultural experts stressed that these people's indigenous food supplies would not last more than two weeks.

In the eastern Biltine region, millet production will this year be less than one-third of a normal harvest. At Guereda, a town of 10,000 residents, only salt and spices are for sale in the market.

In the northern Borkou, Ennedi and Tibesti (BET) regions, the exodus extends to livestock, for which there is no fodder. The regions' inhabitants, who normally live by livestock raising, are exchanging their animals for millet or wheat.

Malnutrition and extremely poor sanitary conditions in these regions have led to a resurgence of tuberculosis, meningitis, leprosy and blindness.

According to medical doctors attached to humanitarian organizations who have visited the affected regions, the infant mortality rate has risen considerably because of a lack of vaccination programs for the past five years.

The Chad authorities and international organizations have estimated that the country's population will require about 22,770 tons of emergency cereal aid between now and the month of June.

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Tankers lying idle touch 460 mark**Financial roundup****Dollar rates take a tumble**

By J.H. Hammond

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The tonnage of oil tankers laid up this month reached a new record, the London-based shipbroker E.A. Gibson reported here, adding that there was also a rising trend of tanker scrapping.

At all, 460 vessels totaling 77.97 million deadweight tons were laid up on Feb. 15 — 2.8 million tons (16 vessels) more than January's peak and double the idle tonnage of just two months ago.

Gibson said that about half of the "mothballed" fleet now appeared unlikely to trade again. It added that tankers totaling 13.5 million tons were being used for storage — including 7.1 million tons by the Japanese.

Currently "sitting around" in the Gulf area were 51 very-large crude carriers (VLCCs) of over 300,000 tons deadweight each, and ultra-large crude carriers (ULCCs) of 300,000 tons or more.

Gibson said that there was "little or no prospect of immediate employment" for these vessels. "It is this factor more than any other which will decide many owners to scrap older units," it added.

Some 32 ships totaling 2.7 million tons have been demolished so far this year — about 300,000 tons more than were scrapped over the same period last year.

3rd World debts worry W. Germany

BONN, Feb. 17 (R) — West Germany voiced mounting concern Thursday over the debts and policies of Third World countries and said it would place more emphasis on its own interests when deciding on future aid programs.

Development Minister Juergen Warneke said the combined debts of the developing countries reached over \$600 billion last year.

It was particularly aggravating that new debts were being used more and more to pay off interest rates and old loans and less and less for development projects.

Warneke produced a long list of other barriers which, he said, were hampering development of Third World nations. These included too high birth rates, unjust distribution of income and wealth, lack of land reform, corruption, deficient administration, excessive bureaucracy and high military expenditure.

He was speaking at a news conference marking publication of the government's fifth development policy report. In a reference to mounting unemployment in West Germany, Warneke said selection and implementation of future aid projects would be made with a view to their impact on the country's labor market.

Mobil subsidiary incurs \$70m loss

BONN, Feb. 17 (R) — The West German subsidiary of Mobil, the world's second largest oil company, Thursday announced its worst annual loss since World War II, underlining the difficult position faced by the country's crude oil refiners.

Mobil Oil in Deutschland said poor results in its oil exploration and refining operations had turned a 225 million mark (\$94 million) profit in 1981 into a provisional 170 million mark (\$70 million) loss last year.

The reasons for the slump in Mobil's earnings are familiar to other West German oil refiners whose total losses last year are estimated at around 4.5 billion marks (\$1.9 billion).

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2,388 levels with the markets still in the opinion that the present Conservative coalition will win the coming general elections. The British pound was stronger at 1.5510 levels on the morning exchanges but later fell back to 1.5490 on profit-taking and fears of a cut in British North Sea oil prices.

The Swiss currency was 200 points stronger at 1.9800 levels, while the French franc fluctuated around the 6.7700 level. It was the Japanese yen which made the most sustained rise against the dollar and traded around the 231.80 levels compared to 235.80 on Tuesday.

The experiences of the past two days on the exchange markets has demonstrated that the markets are in a nervous and volatile state and any remarks from the U.S. administration officials are liable to produce some rapid changes.

On the local markets, spot riyal/dollar exchange prices fell back sharply to 3,439.00 at one stage in the face of a weaker dollar in Europe. Some steady commercial demand pushed the rate back up to 3,439.05 but it was still lower than Tuesday's prices of 3,440.05.

Syria resumes debt repayment

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Syria has resumed a trickle of repayments on its big foreign debts following draconian steps to tackle its serious money problems of the past year, reliable financial and banking sources have said.

Many foreign firms with interests here

have been waiting for several months for overdue payments on foreign purchases totaling hundreds of millions of dollars.

The country's foreign debts soared from \$232 million in 1970 to \$3.9 billion at the end of 1981. Later figures are not available.

European sources said that it was Syria's United States creditors which were showing the most nervousness over the payments delay.

The liberalization of Syria's economy and the restoration of U.S.-Syrian relations in 1974 sent U.S. exports to Syria surging six-fold over the previous six years to 800 million Syrian pounds (about \$160 million) a year now.

Analysts here said that the central bank's shortage of foreign exchange appeared to be the main problem hampering Syrian commercial banks, all of them nationalized.

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24,015,000 tons — the lowest in five years.

SANTIAGO (R) — Chile's foreign currency reserves fell \$625 million in January to \$1.95 billion after a fall of \$1.20 billion in December, the central bank said. Foreign currency reserves stood at \$2.58 billion at the end of December, the bank said.

CARACAS (R) — Citroen management said it would sack eight persons and suspend 14 others involved in a fight at the company's Autunay plant outside Paris earlier this month.

The fighting on Feb. 2, in which 25 persons were injured, led to a to-day closure of the factory and the immediate suspension of 30 workers.

LONDON (R) — South Korea's estimated national debt at the end of 1982 has been trimmed back to \$49 billion from a figure of \$64.5 billion projected two years ago, Ki Hwan Kim, president of the Korea Development Institute said. Kim told reporters the debt standing at \$37 billion at the end of 1982 is "not unmanageable."

FREMONT, California (AFP) — Former workers at the General Motors Fremont plant, shut down a year ago, Wednesday reacted angrily to suggestions that they would not be given jobs priority when Toyota and GM start joint production here. Toyota president Aiji Toyoda said that the 6,500 sacked G.M. workers would not get priority for the 3,000 jobs created under this week's deal for a small Toyota-designed car to be made here and sold by Chevrolet.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday		Code	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	9.16	9.15	
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.30	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	75.80	
Canadian Dollar		2.83	
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.45	144.20	
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.75	130.50	
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.11	
Egyptian Dirhem (100)	92.57	92.57	
French Franc (100)	51.25	51.00	
Indian Rupee (100)	42.00	41.85	
Iranian Rial (100)		35.10	
Iraqi Dinar		5.80	
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.40	25.22	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	15.00	
Jordanian Dinar	9.75	9.75	
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.17	11.17	
Lebanese Lira (100)	37.50	36.85	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	54.45	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.95	
Philippine Peso (100)		36.95	
Pound Sterling	5.37	5.34	
Qatari Ryal (100)	95.00	94.70	
Singapore Dollar (100)		167.00	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		27.05	
Swiss Franc (100)	173.90	173.73	
Syrian Lira (1,000)	62.00	61.60	
Tunisian Lira (1,500)			
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44	
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.15	75.15	
Selling Price:		Buying Price:	
Gold kg.	56,900	56,600	
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Ounce	1730	1700	
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SLIMMERS, BEWARE!

The dieting craze has come to stay. But some of its ardent devotees better be careful. The trouble is that the result of all the slimming exercises is not always a nice figure. In fact, the line dividing the blessed state of being thin and petite and ugly-looking emaciated skeletons can, indeed, be very thin. And at times with disastrous results too, as the case of singer Karen Carpenter shows with all its tragic poignancy. The famous singer whose voice helped sell more than \$60 million worth of records died last week in Los Angeles of an apparent heart attack which people who should know better link with anorexia nervosa, that stage when the desire to be thin and slim becomes too acute and too tragic.

Doctors say that if carried beyond a limit, those who skip all food just to stay fine and fair become autodigesting in which the body begins feeding on its protein store. The result is that the victims become as close to a skeleton as it is humanly possible while being alive. Miss Carpenter, we are told, was as light as 38 kg at one time.

Yet the dieting mania continues and not only among stars and starlets and not only in Los Angeles. It is a worldwide phenomenon among women. It is not known whether the secret behind Helen of Troy's much praised success in launching a thousand ships was her strict adherence to a vigorous slimming schedule. There is no record to indicate that Cleopatra's celebrated nose which is said to have changed the course of history was the result of some such exercises either.

But why worry about Cleopatra when today's young girls have their nearest approximation to the classical Egyptian beauty in Princess Diana and she is said to be a particularly ardent devotee of this craze? This does not mean that only young girls are obsessed with a desire to maintain their figure. All of us, women particularly, live in terrible fear of the moment when our necks sag, dewlaps drop and wrinkles mass. First there is the attempt to hide everything beneath a thick layer of cosmetics. Then the tendency to hide the real age. There are some women, especially film stars, who never grow after a particular stage and age. They even stop celebrating their birthdays. And no wonder: after all, birthdays are unpleasant reminders of one's advancing age.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabian newspapers Thursday appealed to the leaders attending the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers to adopt the Arab peace plan approved at the Fez summit to solve the Middle East crisis.

Okaz said now that the Palestinian Fez peace plan as a basis to solve the conflict, the next step would be to draw up the outlines ensuring its implementation. It added that the Palestinians should now present Arab leaders with a Palestinian formula for discussion and implementation.

Al-Bilad said the positive international reaction to the Arab peace plan made the world draw closer to peace and stability in the Middle East.

Al-Jazirah said the Fez summit had succeeded in avoiding the past mistake of relying on the big powers to achieve just and peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis.

It criticized America's attitude toward developments in Lebanon and its indifference to attempts at partitioning Lebanon to serve Israeli interests. (SPA)



Struggling Kaunda tries to win over opposition

By Richard Hall

LONDON — President Kenneth Kaunda has a genius for political juggling. When members of his cabinet and party central committee grow too ambitious or quarrelsome, he whisks them all around. For extra flexibility, he will shuffle the diplomatic service and senior posts in various organizations.

Even by African standards, the Zambian game of chance is unparalleled. Take the case of Prime Minister Nalumino Mundia (who has just been given the additional responsibility of the finance ministry, at a moment when the economy is, in his own words, a "shambles").

At independence in 1964, Mundia was minister of commerce and industry but was soon dismissed after a trifling charge of corruption. He went into opposition to the ruling United National Independence Party, and had a spell in detention. Then came a reconciliation, and Mundia was not only restored to the bosom of UNIP but bowed into the premier's office.

Kaunda is now using his political sleight of hand more imaginatively than ever. It is not merely that in his latest reshuffle he moved the former minister of finance to the ministry of sport. Bolder by far than that, he has given up trying to put the country's

debts. As Prime Minister Mundia admits, the prospects for 1983 are "gloomy." This also happens to be general election year, with polling expected in September or October. Finally, there is the dark cloud of a treason trial. Appeals to the appeal court are pending from seven men who on Jan. 20 were given mandatory death sentences.

To get through to 1984 (the 10th anniversary of Zambia's birth), Kaunda will need to reconcile as many elements as possible. His appeals for national unity in recent weeks have been far more than run-of-the-mill rhetoric; he is concerned not simply with personal survival, but what he calls "keeping the country standing."

Apart from sweetening up the trade union bosses, he has been making friendly noises toward some of his former lieutenants who have gone (or been sent) into the political wilderness. One such is Andrew Kashita, now in practice in Lusaka as a consulting engineer but once a formidable and efficient minister of mines. Kaunda, after a quarrel sacked him several years ago, but in present straits could well use his skills.

But can it work, this bid to tie up all the unraveled strands of power in Zambia? The ZCTU general secretary, Newstead Zimba, welcomed the offer of directorships. "We want integration, not confrontation," he remarked. The government will sell the initiative as a breakthrough in "worker participation."

Yet shortly before the New Year, Chairman Chiluba had warned that there must be "tough negotiations" by the ZCTU to maintain living standards if the local currency, the kwacha, had to be devalued: It has been since devalued by 25 percent against major Western currencies) but there is also a wage freeze until 1984 for all except the most lowly paid.

It seems there will not be any tough negotiations after all, although prices have soared for basics such as maize meal and cooking oil. There is certain to be bitter reaction on the copperbelt, the most densely populated urban complex in central Africa, with its million-plus population. Kaunda's support is waning on the copperbelt, which does not care to listen when he tells the miners that they are now producing a metal that is in hopeless oversupply all around the world.

Copperbelters have always believed that Zambia revolves around them — and indeed they are physically in the center of the country. They regard the capital, 200 miles south, as an overfed parasite. An urgent and tricky task for Kaunda will be to persuade the miners that the politicians are also genuinely tightening their belts. (LOS)

Tug of war in Turkey to control main political party

By David Barchard

ANKARA — As Turks settle down to discover just how much freedom of activity will be permitted to them under a draft bill regulating political parties, a three-way tug of war is beginning for control over the main right of center party.

The draft bill on political parties is now being examined in the 160-man nominated Consultative Assembly. After being approved there, it will become law after it is approved by the ruling five-man Council of Generals. But, with the left of center parties expected to be hobbled by the new law, the fight is on to grab control of the area formerly occupied by Suleyman Demirel's Justice Party.

Demirel himself, banned from politics for ten years, is fighting behind the scenes to keep his following intact. Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu is talk-

ing to conservative right-wing politicians who led splinter group parties during the 1970s. This resembles earlier efforts, all electorally unsuccessful, by military backed politicians in Turkey to strike alliances with defectors from the center-left Republican People's Party.

But Ulusu faces another challenge. Turkey's former economic mastermind, Turgut Ozal, is also jostling to lead a new center-right party. He is backed by most businessmen who admire his brilliant operation to rescue the Turkish economy after its collapse in 1979. Ozal seems to be hinting that he will not serve under Ulusu. But he has a major handicap: Despite glowing press publicity, many ordinary Turks blame him for slicing into their standard of living in the last two years.

One idea that seems to have died is that of an "Erenist" party, known here as the "Center Party" modeled on the French Gaullist Party. A major Western embassy in Ankara lobbied heavily

against the idea. As a result, Ulusu and his backers now look to the center-right as their natural constituency. That they do not fear a challenge from the left — which got the largest share of the votes in the last general elections — is partly the result of splits and squabbles among Bulent Ecevit's former supporters.

It is also the result of the new political parties law. Few other countries have laws regulating political parties. None, surely, can have one as comprehensive and firm as Turkey's 122-clause draft law. No fewer than eight times the law spells out things that parties can never do. It will be impossible to found a regional, separatist, Marxist — or even the equivalent of a Christian Democrat Party in Turkey under the new law.

Parties will not be allowed to do anything threatening the identity or unitary nature of the state. They will not be allowed to talk about ethnic differences (in a country where there are substantial

minority language groups) or to argue religious, sectarian, personal, family, or interest group policies. These restrictions, already placed in the constitution, are repetitively scattered throughout different points of the draft.

Parties will not be allowed to have direct links with unions and private donations to them must be no larger than 1,500 pounds from any individual source. This is expected to cripple left of center parties.

There will be no state aid and all party budgets will be annually inspected by the constitutional court. Prosecutors will examine parties to see if they have violated restrictions. A suggestion to change the national anthem or the flag would be sufficient to shut a party down — twelve clauses in the law regulate the shutdown of political parties. Another nine spell out penalties, including prison terms, for offenders.

One key restriction is of course that parties will not be allowed to criticize the present military government's actions since taking power in 1980. The strangest and most severe regulations in the new bill — which is designed to ensure that parties in future are not led by strong leaders such as Demirel and Ecevit — gives opposition groups in parties an automatic right to representation in party councils.

The aim seems to be to produce weak parties which can be manipulated by a strong president. But party unity will be safeguarded by rules which prevent parliamentarians from splitting from their parties on key issues and joining another party. (G)

Letters to the editor

Insurance payments

Sir.

I am working in Saudi Arabia for the past three years and contribute regularly my share of premium for the social insurance. I am 52 years old and will be leaving the Kingdom in one month's time.

When I checked with the authorities of the General Organization of Social Insurance (GOSI) for the reimbursement of the premium contributed by me, I was told that I will not be paid anything till I am 60 years old and then I will have to apply for reimbursement. I think this is very unfair.

I have four children, all under 21 years of age, studying in universities and it will take four years for them to graduate and obtain employments. It costs a lot of money to educate them in the universities. I do not have enough savings and I cannot get any job in my country due to my age. I can't be self-employed due to lack of capital.

We the expatriates, come here to work and we contribute our efforts for the overall improvement of the country and of course we are paid adequate salary for the same but we have to undergo many hardships and extremely tough living conditions. A majority of the work force of the expatriates return to their countries due to compelling family circumstances and obligations.

By the grace of Allah The Almighty, Saudi Arabia is blessed with abundant natural resources and its economy and influence are growing day by day and may Allah keep Saudi Arabia and its noble people that way. I don't think that the Saudi government needs this very meager, insignificant amount, contributed by the "guest workers." I think it is only fair that these amounts be returned to them when they leave the Kingdom for good. The authorities of GOSI should realize the plight of these people and should pay them back their lawful contributions. This will enhance the goodwill among the expatriates and I am sure that Allah, the Benevolent will bless the Saudi Arabian nation for this noble gesture.

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Views sought

Sir.

For the past few months, a number of expatriates working in the Kingdom have written in this column about the Kingdom's Social Insurance System. It will be good if we hear the views of the GOSI authorities on this issue through the press.

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Indian Muslims

Sir.

This is in response to Abdussalam's letter on Indian Muslims published recently in *Arab News*. I would like to invite Abdussalam's attention to the following points.

India is a secular state where all religions are treated equally. According to the Indian constitution, all Indians have equal rights to practice their own religion without any restriction. Hence, it is wrong to say that Muslims are tortured by Hindus. Indian Muslims are highly respected by most of the Hindus.

Abdussalam should remember that no special preference is given in India to a particular community or sect on the basis of caste or creed.

Since Independence in 1947, India has had two Muslim presidents, Dr. Zakir Husain and Dr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad. Dr. Hidayatullah is the present vice president. This shows that Muslims are appointed even to the topmost post.

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Facts on partition

Sir.

This has reference to the letter published in *Arab News* Jan. 5 under the heading, "A fitting reply." While your editorial of Dec. 30, may be a fitting reply to the Western propaganda about India's intentions, it is the misconception about the partition of the subcontinent as stated by Syed Ali which should be deplored and condemned.

His assertion that it was Western media's efforts which culminated in the partition of the subcontinent is highly objectionable and incorrect. This insinuation negates the efforts and great sacrifices of millions of Muslims of the subcontinent and is a very grave insult to the martyrs, who lost their lives in the struggle for Pakistan.

Syed Ali should correct his records by noting that the demand for Pakistan was put up by the majority of the Muslims of the subcontinent under the British rule, after having worked for the independence shoulder to shoulder with the Hindus. But the Muslims were soon convinced that the Hindus will exploit the Muslims if they remained together. Hence the demand for Pakistan.

In present-day India, there are anti-Muslim riots practically every day and the recent statement of the president of India that "blood flows like water" is the proof of economical exploitation and religious persecution of the Muslims and this manifestation was the reason for the partition of the subcontinent and not the successful policy of the British of divide and rule as is being made out by Syed Ali.

Hindu leaders were working together with British against the interest of Pakistan during the period. Certain gains India has

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

*In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent
And it sailed with them amid waves towering like mountains. Noah cried out to his son who stood at a distance: "Embark with us, my child, and do not stay with the unbelievers." He answered: "I shall seek refuge in a mountain, which will afford me protection from the water." Said (Noah): "Today there is no protection for anyone from Allah's judgment, except for those to whom He will show mercy."*

Thereupon waves rose up between them and he was among those who were drowned.

And the word was spoken: "Earth, swallow up your waters. Heaven, cease (your rain)." The water was made to subside and Allah's will was done, and the ark came to rest on (the mount) Al-Judi. The word was spoken: "Away with these evil-doing folk."

Noah called out to his Lord, saying: "Lord, my son is of my family. Surely Your promise always comes true, and You are the most just of judges."

"Noah," He said, "he was not of your family; his was an evil conduct. Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge. I admonish you lest you become one of the ignorant."

Said (Noah): "My Lord, I do indeed seek refuge in You from ever questioning You about something of which I have no knowledge. Unless You forgive me and have mercy on me I shall be among the losers."

It was said (to him): "Noah, disembark in peace from Us, and with Our blessings upon you as well as upon generations from those who are with you. As for other generations, We shall let them have enjoyment, and then there will befall them grievous suffering from Us."

These accounts of things that have passed We now reveal to you. Neither you, nor your people knew them before this. Be patient, then, for the future belongs to those who fear Allah."

(HOUD: 11: 42-50)

Floods and a father's plea

This passage opens with an awe-inspiring scene, the scene of the floods. There are, however, two elements of fear: one emanates from nature, stormy but silent as it is; and the other is felt in one's innermost soul. Both converge as the ark moves on amidst waves as huge as mountains. At this terrible, decisive moment, Noah looks in a certain direction and he sees one of his sons, having kept himself away and having not joined them in the ark. The father's emotion is roused within Noah and he calls out to his stray child: Embark with us, my child, and do not stay with the unbelievers. Disobedient as he is, the son does not respond to his loving father. A conceited youth, he does not realize the extent of the terrible event which is taking place. He says: "I shall seek refuge in a mountain, which will afford me protection from the water." Aware of the terrible reality, the father pleads with him for the last time: Today there is no protection for anyone from Allah's judgment, except for those to whom He will show mercy. No mountains, no hideouts, no protectors for anyone, save to those on whom Allah has mercy. In an instant, the scene changes and the towering waves swallow up everything. Thereupon waves rose up between them and he was among those who were drowned.

Today as we read the account given in the Qur'an, 'thousands' of years after these

events, we try hard to hold ourselves together as if we see these events happening before our own eyes. The ark is sailing amid huge waves. Noah the worried father makes one plea after another; his conceited young son turns his back with insolence; and a towering wave settles the issue in no time. Everything is over as if the dialogue did not take place.

The element of fear and worry in this scene is measured by its depth in the human soul, in the exchange between father and son. It is also measured by its extent in nature, as the waves rise high to submerge the tops of the mountains. Both elements are equal in the solemn, silent nature and in the human soul. This is a distinctive feature of the artistic imagery in the Qur'an.

The storm subsides, an air of calmness spreads, the matter is settled and Allah's will done. The words used here give an impression of something coming to a complete rest. The earth and the heavens are addressed as if they were human beings. Both comply with the clear commandment. The earth swallows up its water and the heaven stops raining; And the word was spoken: "Earth, swallow up your waters. Heaven, cease your rain." The water was made to subside. The earth took it all inside her and its surface was dry. Allah's will was done and the ark came to rest on Al-Judi. That was its final stop. The word was

spoken: Away with these evildoing folk. A short, decisive and highly expressive sentence. The word was spoken. We are not told who said it, to give an impression that the whole affair of the evildoers need not be considered again. Away with these evildoing folk. Let them disappear beyond Allah's mercy for they deserve to be cursed; and let them be banished from memory, for they do not deserve to be remembered.

Now that the storm has subsided and the ark has come to rest, the paternal love of a distressed father is felt again by Noah. He makes this appeal to Allah: "Noah called out to his Lord, saying: Lord, my son is of my family. Surely Your promise always comes true, and Your are the most just of judges." Noah makes it clear that he recognizes that Allah is just and wise. Nothing He does is without a reason. Yet he has been promised that his family will be safe and now he requests that Allah fulfills the promise He has made to him to spare his family. Allah's answer states the fact which Noah has overlooked. By Allah's standards and according to His principles, ooe's family are not necessarily one's blood relations. The true relationship is that of faith. This son of Noah was not a believer, and as such he was not a member of the family of this Prophet. The answer is firm and emphatic. Indeed there is an element of reproach and warning in the answer. Noah, he was not of your family; his was an evil conduct. Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge. I admonish you lest you become one of the ignorant. It is a great principle of this religion which states that the paramount relationship that exists between individuals is not the one based on family affinity: He was not of your family; his was an evil conduct. Your relationship with him is thus severed despite the fact that he is your own son. Since the basic tie between the two of you does not exist, no other tie has any significance.

Since Noah has made a prayer requesting the fulfillment of a promise which he does not seem to have been fulfilled, the answer included an implicit reproach and warning: Do not question Me about matters of which you have no knowledge. I admonish you lest you become one of the ignorant. The administration is needed lest Noah becomes one of those who are ignorant of the real ties and relationships or unaware of Allah's promise and its interpretation. For Allah's promise has been done and Noah's true family has been saved. Noah, a true believer and a humble servant of Allah, trembles with fear that he may have erred in what he said to his Lord. He, therefore, appeals to Him and prays for His forgiveness: My Lord, I do indeed seek refuge in You from ever questioning you about something of which I have no knowledge. Unless you forgive me and have mercy on me I shall be among the losers.

Another fact which is established by this comment is that Allah's laws will not fail. They do not favor anyone: The future belongs to those who fear Allah. They are the ones who will prosper and who will be given power.

It also establishes the true tie that exists between individuals and generations. It is the tie of faith, the same faith which holds together all believers in Allah, the only Lord of the universe. All generations of believers have in common the fact that they submit themselves to Him alone and ascribe divinity to no one else.

This universe itself is proof of Allah's existence

By Adil Salahi

We have spoken about using our intellect in order to know Allah. We have also spoken about knowing Allah through His attributes. We pointed out that using our intellect and a proper consideration of Allah's attributes are the two methods which can lead us to faith and the formulation of a sound concept of Allah, the Creator who controls the universe and everything that exists in the universe.

Yet people who insist on rejecting religion or try, at best, to relegate it to a position of little importance, demand something more. They question us about the nature of Allah: what sort of being is He? and how does He exist? They assume the position of a person who throws a challenge. Unless we come up with an answer which they consider satisfactory they are justified, or so they argue, in rejecting the idea of religion altogether.

The fact that science has come to occupy a central position in our lives today tends to make people consider it as the final arbiter in all matters, whether they come within its sphere or not. Whatever answer we may give to such questions, as have been stated earlier, must be "scientific" in order to be acceptable. Such logic leads to make science a sort of an infallible deity.

But science is far from infallible. The fact that there is no such thing as an absolute scientific truth confirms our view. What is universally accepted today as scientifically correct might not have been accepted last year. It may even be proven wrong tomorrow. This is unnatural for science. Many an assumption were accepted as absolutely correct and were then proven wrong as man's knowledge broadened. Besides, there are vast areas in our own existence which remain to scientists a closed book. Indeed, man's knowledge of himself is still very scanty.

We think; but how do we do that? What is involved in the process of thinking? How can we be absorbed in our thoughts to the extent we become totally unaware of everything taking place in front of us? And how do we sometimes think while keeping aware of what goes on around us? How can some people intensify their process of thinking so that they can maintain two intellectual processes at the same time, as happens in simultaneous translation? We cannot give any satisfactory answer to any one of these questions despite the remarkable achieved progress by science. Yet, no one claims that our failure to provide such answers is enough cause for us to negate the fact that we think.

We walk, write and do physical exercises. But what is the nature of muscular action? Our will is not a material force. Indeed, all our characteristics are not material. But if one of us wants to lift his arm his will causes his arm to move upward. How does this happen? What is the catalyst which makes man's will produce physical result? No one can as yet answer such questions. Nor do we know how our eyes transmit to the brains the pictures and images of what we see. How does our brain function? No one can answer such a question.

Questions to which we still have no satisfactory answers are numerous. What is the nature of pain, tiredness, sleep and light? Our inability of giving satisfactory answers to such questions is by no means enough reason for

us to say that they do not exist. It is highly doubtful whether anyone wants to dispute their existence. This is because of the fact that we may not be able to conceive of the nature of something is not a reason to deny its existence.

If we accept this premise, then we should have no problem in accepting that it is first and foremost applicable to Allah. That we cannot explain the nature of Allah or conceive of His nature does not mean that He does not exist. Indeed He exists and is in full control of the universe. As in our other examples the existence of which is not a matter of dispute despite the fact that their natures remain incomprehensible to us, there is ample evidence which points to His existence. We have only to look at the vast universe around us which stretches out in distance to limits far beyond our imagination. When distances between stars and planets are measured in thousands of millions of light years, such distances no longer represent to us anything which belongs to the realm of matter. Yet they are distances between two material things. Indeed a light year is not something which is easily comprehensible. It represents a unit of measurement equal to six thousand billion miles or ten thousand billion kilometers. When we consider that there are over one hundred million galaxies in the universe and that the distance between one end of a galaxy and the other is not less than a hundred thousand light years, our minds stop thinking how vast the universe is. Can we logically assume that such a vast universe just happened to exist, by chance? When we consider that every creature on our small planet, the earth, is so complex as to testify to the greatness of its Maker, then the vast universe with all the creatures which inhabit it, simple and complex as they may be, could not have just happened without a rational will to determine their existence and to provide them with the conditions which are suitable for their survival.

What man has discovered recently about the atom should be enough evidence for him to turn to Allah and admit that He alone controls the universe. Our discoveries, with their enormous effect on our lives, represent only a very scanty part of our knowledge about a fraction of the universe. We have nothing to suggest to us that what we discover in our own world applies to everything else in the universe. Such a fine system as we have come to discover could not have just happened. There must be a power, a very great power, to design it and produce it.

What is much more important is the fact that we naturally and instinctively turn to Allah. We feel His existence and we seek Him and we try to have a well-formulated concept of Him. There are some people who attribute this natural tendency to our upbringing. We have only to consider that we can easily and radically rebel and reject values, concepts and traditions which were implanted in us by our upbringing without feeling a twinge of conscience for so doing, but we can do no such thing with our tendency to believe in Allah. Even the most ardent of atheists cannot escape the fact that deep inside him he feels a tendency to turn to Allah and seek His help. Man's experience, generally, tends to support this incident.

We should not be concerned over this incident a great deal. After all, Ubai ibn Khalaf

Did the Prophet kill?

Q. I read in your "Life of the Prophet" — (Dec. 24, 1982) that during the battle of Uhud a man called Ubai ibn Khalaf dashed toward the Prophet, but the Prophet aimed his spear at his shoulder, and the man died on his way back to Makkah. How true is this? I was made to understand by an Islamic professor that the Prophet had not killed any person.

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A. Almost all books of reference on the life of the Prophet record this incident as we have reported in. They make it clear that the Prophet was informed just before the battle that Ubai ibn Khalaf had threatened to kill him. His answer was: "It is I who will kill him, Allah willing." When the Muslims were attacked from behind and were overtaken by confusion, hesitation and surprise, the Prophet was left alone with only a few of his companions who withheld a determined attack aiming at the Prophet himself. Ubai ibn Khalaf dashed toward him and the Prophet aimed his spear at a weak point in Ubai's armor, hitting him in his shoulder. Ubai fell down, and although he was not bleeding he was snoring like a bull. Some of his fellow soldiers carried him and asked him why was he snoring so loudly when his injury was of no consequence. He told them: "Has he not said he will kill me? I swear that if he had spat on me he would have killed me." Then he died on the way back.

We should not be concerned over this incident a great deal. After all, Ubai ibn Khalaf

wanted to kill the Prophet. To kill an unbeliever in a war started by unbelievers is certainly something legitimate. We do not question the fact that the most prominent of the Prophet's companions did kill some unbelievers in battle. Indeed we praise them for doing so. Why should we worry over the fact that the Prophet himself killed one person who was trying to kill him? If killing an unbeliever in a war like that of Uhud was not to be condemned then the whole idea of fighting the enemies of Islam would not be condemned. If we take such an attitude, then we are passing a judgement on what Allah has chosen to be a religion acceptable to Him. We should be careful because then we would be trying to force Islam out of its true character.

Which Imam?

Q. 1. Many people look at their absence from a country like Saudi Arabia to be a license to get involved in all sorts of forbidden practices, such as drinking, dancing, adultery, etc. At the same time, such persons do not hesitate to come forward to lead congregational prayers. Would it be preferable to join a congregational prayer led by such a person, or is better to pray alone?

Q. 2. I have noticed that some people chew or suck their own blood when they are injured. How far is this correct?

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Jeddah

A. 1. It is always better to pray in congregation, even when one knows for certain that the *imam* gets involved in forbidden practices. The Prophet has stressed that we should never hesitate to join a congregational prayer on account of our knowledge of the practice

of the *imam*. The fact is that we can never be certain that a person who was carried away in fulfilment of a sinful desire has not repented afterward. It is a principle of Islam that a person who has repented and sincerely asked Allah to forgive him his sin is considered on the same footing as a person who has not sinned at all.

Another important point is that people cannot sit in judgment of one another. If it is left to the individual to say "this person is not suitable to lead prayers and that one must not lead prayers" or "prayers behind this *imam* are not acceptable" etc., this could lead to dangerous chaos within the ranks of the community. The fact is that each individual is responsible for his or her own actions. We are not accountable for others. Similarly, we cannot judge them. Allah has taken it upon Himself to judge people on the basis of His own perfect and complete knowledge of every individual.

Our prayers behind an *imam* who may have committed the most grievous of sins, apart from blatant blasphemy, is perfectly acceptable and not affected in any way by the *imam*'s own sins. The Prophet says: Pray behind any *imam*, be he pious and God-fearing or a confirmed sinner.

Having said that, I have a word to add for the benefit of any person who leads prayers. One must always remember that one should never lead the prayers if the worshippers who join him do not like him to be their *imam*. The Prophet warns us: Any person who leads a group of worshippers who dislike the fact that he is their *imam*, his prayers will not travel any further than his own ears.

A. 2. Blood is impure and should never be

chewed or sucked. It is, however, useful to let blood run if one's finger is cut. To let blood run may require that one squeezes the area of one's finger which is cut in between one's teeth. It is preferable then to wash one's mouth so that no traces of blood are swallowed.

Practices of pilgrimage

Q. During pilgrimage, a friend of mine shaved his head before offering his sacrifice. Is this acceptable?

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Second Jewish tribe evacuated from Madinah

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The attempt by Al-Nadher Jewish tribe to assassinate the Prophet who he went to ask them to contribute to the ransom of the two Amrite men killed by his companion, Amr ibn Ummayyah was a blatant act of treachery which could not have been allowed to go unpunished. After all, there was no reason whatsoever for the Jews of Al-Nadher to plot against the life of the Prophet with whom they had a treaty of peaceful coexistence and cooperation. Their only motive for such an action was their uncompromising hatred of the Prophet and Islam. Their hatred was absolutely inexplicable in the sense that the Jews in Arabia were a small minority who followed a monotheistic religion amidst a pagan nation which worshipped idols represented by statues of stone, gold and wood. The rise of a powerful monotheistic religion in that society should have given them pleasure. Instead, they viewed it with hatred because it did not subscribe to their feeling of supremacy over all other nations and religions.

This was surely the case. Al-Nadher tribe waited for support, but support was long in coming. Neither their allies of Ghatafan, nor their coreligionists of Quraithah, nor their supporters, the hypocrites, did come to their help. They continued to be under siege and the situation was getting more and more difficult. The Prophet ordered that some of their palm date trees be burnt. When his command was carried out, the Jews sent him a message asking why he was doing this when he had always criticized those who did any similar action. The Qur'an makes it clear that this was sanctioned by Allah. We shall comment on this next week, Allah willing. The siege continued for twenty six days. The besieged Jews grew restless and scared. They sent to the Prophet that they were willing to evacuate under the original terms.

The Prophet answered their message stating that they could not have the same terms that he originally offered them. Had they evacuated in peace they would have spared themselves any trouble. But the fact that they were willing to join forces with others against the Prophet and the Muslims meant that they would do the same whenever a new opportunity presented itself.

The Prophet, however, was keenly aware that any internal trouble or dispute is better resolved with speed and minimum bloodshed. The Muslims were never keen on fighting and shedding blood anyway. Since the Jews were prepared to leave, the Prophet was ready to let them go under new terms of evacuation. The new terms were that they would have safe conduct to leave Madinah with their women and children. Each of them could have a camel load of his belongings, but no arms were allowed to be carried with them. Their farms and lands were to be given up. Thus they carried whatever they could on their camels and took their women and children and left for Khaybar, a city of Jewish concentration in Arabia. Some of them went to Syria. Those of them who could not carry their homes with them, because they were immovable, destroyed their homes before leaving, so that the Muslims would not benefit from them. Allah states in the Qur'an: Their dwellings were destroyed by their hands as well as by the believers. (59: 2)

Thus the encounter with the second Jewish tribe came to its conclusion. Muslims did not have to fight and no blood was shed. The position of the Muslims in Madinah was much stronger now that another Jewish tribe was evacuated and the hypocrites were seen to be very weak indeed. The Muslim state was considerably richer now with the lands and property gained from the Jews. But these new gains were subject to a different ruling from that of the Muslims gained in the battle of Badr. The difference arises from the fact that in Badr the Muslims had to fight a hard battle. This time, they were not called upon to fight at all. In this case, therefore, the Muslims' gain belonged to the Prophet, or to the Muslim state. He had full power to dispose of it as he wished. He, therefore, divided it among the Muhaajireen, that is, his companions who emigrated with him from Makkah. The Ansar, the original residents of Madinah, did not have a share in them. We will comment on this as well as the other aspects of this encounter with the Jews next week, Allah willing.

Huyai ibn Akhtab, the chief of Al-Nadher tribe, was very excited at the offer of Abdullah ibn Ubai. He felt that there was an excellent chance of defeating the Muslims. After all, the Muslims' morale, he imagined, was very low after their defeat at Uhud and the massacres of their fellow creatures at Al-Rajie and Bir Ma'oonah

As Malone, Cheeks sparkle

76ers give Nuggets a sound thrashing

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers, led by Moses Malone's 21 points and Maurice Cheeks' 20, trounced the Denver Nuggets 116-95 Wednesday night in the National Basketball Association. It was only the second time this season the usually high-scoring Nuggets were held under 100 points.

The 76ers treated the home town crowd to an impressive performance in notching their 44th victory against only seven defeats. They led 44-19 after the first period and their smallest margin thereafter was 18 points.

Elsewhere, the Utah Jazz stunned the San Antonio Spurs 112-101, the Boston Celtics defeated the Seattle SuperSonics 108-100, the Milwaukee Bucks outlasted the Detroit Pistons 126-121 in overtime, the Cleveland Cavaliers nipped the Dallas Mavericks 99-96, the Phoenix Suns downed the Kansas City Kings 111-102 and the Chicago Bulls beat the Indiana Pacers 117-113.

Jazz 112, Spurs 101: At Salt Lake City, the Jazz snapped a nine-game losing streak as John Drew and Darryl Griffith each scored 33 points. Mike Mitchell topped San Antonio with 26 points. George Gervin, who averages 28 points a game, was held to 18.

Celtics 106, SuperSonics 100: At Seattle, Robert Parish equalled his season high of 34 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead Boston. Tiny Archibald's 22-foot jumper snapped a 98-98 tie with 4:27 left and the Sonics turned over the ball five times and managed just one field goal the rest of the way. Larry Bird added 24 points and 16 rebounds for Boston.

Bucks 126, Pistons 121: At Milwaukee, Marques Johnson scored seven of his 39 points in overtime, including the go-ahead basket with 1:43 left that gave the Bucks a 120-118 lead. Detroit's Vinnie Johnson forced the overtime when he took Tripucka's inbounds pass from midcourt with one second left and sank a three-point goal to tie the score at 108.

Cavaliers 99, Mavericks 96: At Richfield, Ohio, World B. Free scored 23 points, including four crucial free throws in the final 19 seconds, and Cliff Robinson also scored 23 to go with 22 rebounds as lowly Cleveland recorded its fourth straight victory. The game was tied 91-91 when Free's driving layup with 1:59 left gave Cleveland the lead for good.

Suns 111, Kings 102: Kyle Macy scored 13 points and Maurice Lucas pulled down eight rebounds to spark a fourth-quarter rally that carried Phoenix past Kansas City in a game played in St. Louis. Down by 16 points early in the third quarter, Phoenix outscored the Kings 24-3 during a five-minute stretch late in the period to take the lead. Larry Nance led Phoenix with 29 points. Larry Drew had 32 and Eddie Johnson 25 for the Kings.

Bulls 117, Pacers 113: At Indianapolis, Reggie Theus scored 35 points and Rod Higgins added 23 as Chicago downed Indiana. Theus scored 10 points in the third quarter as

the Bulls built a 93-84 lead. Herb Williams topped the Pacers with 22 points.

Cantu crushes Cibona

Meanwhile, Italy's Ford Cantu defeated Yugoslavia's Cibona Zagreb in a final-round match of the European Cup of Champions Wednesday night to boost its chances to qualify for the two-team grand finale of the basketball tournament.

The Italian team, the defending champion in the prestigious European Cup, trounced Cibona 106-74 after leading 57-32 at half-time. Cibona, which had also lost to Ford in the first-leg played in Zagreb, badly missed its injured stars Cosic and Petrović.

Jim Brewer and Wallace Bryant, the U.S. players of Ford, scored 19 and 16 points respectively. Other teams in the final round of the Cup are Real Madrid of Spain, Red Army of the Soviet Union, Maccabi and Billy Milan of Italy. The Cup final is scheduled in Grenoble, France.

The Italian major league basketball team Scavolini of Pesaro defeated Olympia Lubiana of Yugoslavia 97-78 in their first-leg match of the Cup of Cup Winners semifinals Wednesday night in Pesaro. The Italian team led 49-33 at halftime. Olympia's Polanec was the top scorer of the match with 28 points.

In key Five Nations Rugby clash

Campbell may tilt scales in Ireland's favor

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Ireland and France will decide the outcome of this year's Five Nations Rugby Union Championship when they meet in front of a packed crowd in Lansdowne Road, Dublin on Saturday.

In the day's other game, Scotland entertain Wales with only face to save and the wooden spoon to avoid. Ireland, the reigning champions, have named the same side that beat Scotland 15-13 in Edinburgh, although several players have been carrying injuries. That means yet another vote of confidence for their ageing pack, although there is plenty of youth behind the scrum and in the meticulous Ollie Campbell at stand-off; they have the most potent force in the championship.

France, with wins over England at Twickenham and Scotland in Paris, by the same 19-15 margin, have brought in hefty hooker Bernard Herrero for Jean-Louis Dupont, adding 15 kgs to their aggregate scrummage weight.

Injury also hit French preparations this week with No. 8 Laurent Rodriguez and lock Jean-Charles Orso being forced to pull out. They have been replaced, however, by two experienced internationals in Dominique Erbani and Jean Imbernon.

Veteran Imbernon, 31, who won the last of his 21 previous caps against Ireland in Paris last year, had been planning to retire from the sport at the end of the season but may change



ALL CONCENTRATION: Spain's midfielder Sanchez (right) is all concentration, as is a Netherlands' defender, while clashing for the ball in the European Soccer Championship Group Seven match at Seville. Spain won the contest 1-0.

his mind if he makes an impact in the scrum on Saturday.

"I am over the moon," he said. "I am in good shape and I will go all out to avoid disappointing the selectors." The 1.99 m (six feet six ins) Imbernon will add strength to the French pack in what promises to be a physical encounter.

Lansdowne Road has been a happy-hunting ground for the French in recent years with the last time the Irish beat them there dating back to 1975. And, in fact, the Irish have won only two of the last ten games between the two countries.

But as Ollie Campbell has said the French will not be complacent, not after the way Scotland rocked them at the Parc Des Princes two weeks ago. "France had a fright and got away with it. That will make them all the harder to beat," said the man with the golden boot.

The French are very philosophical about it all and appear to be playing the match down a hit just as they stoked up the fires for the Scotland game. Coach Jacques Fouroux is on record as saying he expects a tussle and he does not want that to cancel out his side's magnificent running ability.

The Irish pack outwitted their Scottish counterparts at Murrayfield, while Scotland were far superior to the French front eight in

Paris, so logically, Ireland have what could be the crucial advantage, particularly if Campbell adds his usual dozen points.

France will aim to release their attacking prong of full back Serge Blanco and wingers Philippe Sella and Patrick Esteve, but there are still doubts over the half-back pair of Pierre Berbizier and stand-off Christian Delage.

At Murrayfield, Scotland will start favorites despite losing twice this year already. The Scots were unlucky against Ireland and France but they have shown a crucial lack of imagination, particularly in the center, which has been their undoing. They have named the same side which means that stand off John Rutherford, just back from injury, must sit it out again.

Wales on the other hand, have again rung the changes, bringing in four new players from the side which drew 13-13 with England with the dropping of tight-head prop Graham Price after 39 consecutive matches raising critics of disbelief.

It's the pack which bore the brunt of the blame for the England game, although the Welsh three quarters still look short on pace, and flair. Elgan Rees switches from center to right wing with the return of Robert Ackerman, while Ian Eidman and Staff Jones are the props and John Perkins takes over from Richard Moriarty in the second row.

In friendly against Portugal

France scores runaway win

GUIMARAES, Portugal, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Two of France's big hopes for the future, Yannick Stopyra and Jean-Marc Ferreri, scored the goals that gave next year's European Football Championships hosts an impressive 3-0 victory over Portugal in a friendly international here Wednesday.

The French made the perfect start with a quickfire two-goal strike as early as the seventh and eighth minutes which left the Portuguese stunned. A third goal in the 70th minute wrapped up victory for the World Cup semifinalists.

Striker Stopyra put the French ahead and a minute later Michel Platini, in commanding form in midfield, produced a superb long pass which led to Ferreri scoring his first goal for his long-time friend.

Dallas coach Tom Landry had been impressed with Shofner's coaching of Cleveland's Brian Sipe from 1978 through 1980, when Sipe was the NFL's Most Valuable Player. He also was an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers in the late 1960s. Shofner, 47, was offensive coordinator for the Houston Oilers in 1981 and 1982. Houston finished 27th in the NFL officially in 1981, then dropped to last place in 1982 despite Shofner's reputation as an excellent handler of quarterbacks.

Landry said he believes the Cowboys are fortunate to bring in Shofner, who has such an extensive background working with quarterbacks. "Of course, last year wasn't a good year for him with the Oilers," he said, "but he's still qualified."

Meanwhile, Aston Villa are taking no chances for the visit of mighty Juventus of Italy for their European Champions Cup quarterfinal first-leg in Birmingham on March 2. The Cup holders are to hand out 5,000 leaflets in Italian explaining the ground rules and the dangers of ignoring them.

Senor's goal takes Spain past Dutch

SEVILLE, Spain, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Spain kept in the hunt for a place in the European Soccer Championship finals next year when they labored to a 1-0 win over the Netherlands in a Group Seven qualifying match here Wednesday. Juan Senor scored the only goal from the penalty spot a minute before halftime.

The Dutch, once one of the most attractive attacking sides in the world, played with four defenders, five midfielders and only one striker — establishing a defensive wall which the Spanish rarely found a way through. Left-winger Francisco Carrasco managed to outsmart the Dutch defense in the 44th minute and Dutch goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers was forced to pull him down. Senor sent Schrijvers the wrong way with the resultant penalty.

The two countries both now have five points but despite the defeat the Netherlands stay top of the group on goal difference although the Spaniards have played a match less. The only goal of a mediocre match ensured Spain, still trying to get over the memories of their disappointing World Cup performances last year, of a win.

Prior to the goal a much-changed Spain side had created several openings but once ahead they found themselves pushed back on the defensive in the second half. But the Dutch, themselves also trying to build for a new era, could find no way through and showed they are still far from being the soccer power they were in the seventies.

The Spaniards attacked most of the first half but when the forwards got the ball a very confident Dutch defense coped easily. Apart from adopting a good defensive system, keeping only two men, Koolhof and Van Der Gijp, out as spearheads, the Dutch team marked each Spanish player closely and never left them get into top gear.

Holland also launched good counter-attacks, forcing two corner shots in-a-row which ended with Van Der Kerput sending the ball over the horizontal bar. Spain had two good goal chances through Marco in the 30th and Sarabia in the 37th.

The Spanish forwards turned on the pressure in the last ten minutes of this half and their attacks finally paid off with the goal scored by Senor following a penalty kick in the 44th. Italian referee Paolo Bergamo awarded the penalty when Carrasco, poised to shoot, was felled by Dutch goalkeeper Schrijvers.

After the interval, the Dutch team came back strongly trying for a draw, while Spain closed lines and threw seven men back in defense.

Lineups:

Holland: Schrijvers, Wijnsteekers, Krol, Spelbos, Hovenkamp (Gullit), Metgod, (Valke), Van Der Gijp, Van Der Kerput, Schoenaker, Boeve, Koolhof.

Spain: Arconada, Juan Jose, Camacho, Maceda, Goicchea, Gordillo, Marcos, Victor, Sarabia (Gallego), Senor, Carrasco.

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Australian Masters Golf Five share opening round lead

MELBOURNE, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Japanese Akira Yabe shot a three-under-par 69 and was the lone outsider in the five-way share at the top after the first round of the \$100,000 Australian Masters Golf Championship here Thursday.

Yabe was tied with four Australian — Terry Gale, Mike Ferguson, Gerard Taylor and David Armstrong — for the lead which was three strokes better than the four-man club on 72. American Jerry Pate was one of the four to card a 72. The others were Roger Stephens, Mike Cahill and Peter Fowler.

Spaniard Seve Ballesteros had a poor day with a 74, while German Bernard Langer was a stroke back with a 75. Ireland's Ronan Rafferty ballooned to a first-round 83.

Meanwhile, Peter Renner returns to home surroundings to play in the Isuzu Andy Williams San Diego Open at the Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Suddenly caught under the glare of publicity, the six-year pro knows he'll be placing added pressure on himself. "It will be testing from an emotional standpoint because I live here and everybody will be talking about what happened Sunday," said Renner, referring to Japan's Isao Aoki's astonishing finish in the Hawaiian Open.

The 26-year-old Renner, playing in the threesome ahead of Aoki, had taken a one-shot lead on 18 for 19-under-par 269 total. Aoki, standing in rough 128 yards from the flag, hit a wedge shot that bounced once and plopped into the hole for an eagle three.

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By John Crasto
Special to Arab News

BOMBAY, Feb. 17 — Oriental omnipotence in badminton is underlined today. No more Indonesia, not any European force. China has come to stay. Men like Han Jian

Chinese tower over rest in shuttle power With wind of 'Open' tourneys blowing strongly in the West

and Luan Jin, women like Zhang Ailing and Li Lingwei are superstars. They may well make badminton rival its exciting cousin tennis in the professional set-up if the world accepts the challenge China offers today.

Asia has wrested stranglehold in this game slowly but surely gaining popularity the world over. The West has opted for Open badminton which will certainly change the destiny of the sport. Big money will flow in provided the monopoly is not fixed with one country. Whether any one of them, Morten Frost Hansen or Prakash Padukone, Liem Swie King or Iku Sugianto can produce performances to beat the best of China then badminton will get its biggest fillip.

Han Jian is the great retriever. When Prakash Padukone twice humbled the China No. 1 the world felt that Chinese invincibility was a myth. But Han Jian, the epitome of fitness and implacability, has grown in stature recently with his Asian Games victories over Liem Swie King. All are waiting for the All-England Championships. Will Morten Frost Hansen be the best again? The Wembley event is still considered the world's premier platform, the crown there means more than the prize money.

Indonesia were well and truly humbled in the Asian Games at New Delhi. It would have been a slap in the face for them but for Iku Sugianto's performances. The 20-year-old, musclebound bankman has a long

way to go. He has shown that he can be a worldbeater because he has both craft and power. His win over Luan Jin, the All-England finalist, salvaged much prestige in the Asian team championship. His triumph with Christian Hadinata has thrown up a new Indonesian combine so full of fire. And for Indonesia there could be no greater boost than another singles champion to keep their tradition of monopolizing the men's singles crown through the years. Rudy Hartono was their shining star, Liem Swie was a king worthy of that crown. They need another super champion to keep their flag flying high in world badminton.

Liem Swie King is past his prime. Lius Pongob is laboring with personal problems. Only Iku Sugianto is the answer. His triumph in singles in the Indian Masters, his recent title-win in the Taipei Open underlines that he could be the new force, the dynamic fusion of youth and skill forming a devastating compound for a surge to glory.

Zhang Ailing and Li Lingwei are formidable figures on the women's front. They were All-England and Asian Games finalists, they seem much to impregnable except to other Chinese women like Xu Rong and Zheng Yuli both of whom are extremely

competent. South Korea's Sun Ai Hwang, the 1981 All-England champion, has not lived up to the promise she offered then. She has shifted to the doubles for which her compact build is more suitable for. Japan's Sumiko Kitada too is not all that distinctive class and Indonesia's Ivana Lin has fallen off despite being the most agile figure on the court.

Denmark's Lene Koppen, probably the world's most graceful player, is finding the competition too stiff. Her days of glory are over. It is difficult to look beyond the Chinese because the only other hope are the Englishwomen. Jace Webster is tenacious, she has devastating backhand force. But neither she nor Sally Podger could hold a candle to the Chinese girls. Whether that Danish Amazon Kirsten Larsen could do the trick is anybody's guess. She has won the Taipei Open. The Danish star is the hope of Europe.

Chinese invincibility on the women's front seems unsurpassable. But not so in the men's world. Truly Iku Sugianto could be a thorn in the Chinese side. But he has to make a difficult choice. To restrict his concentration to the doubles or to dabble in singles play as well. That he is a potent force

in the paired events was amply evident by his triumph in the Asian men's doubles final. The narrow defeat in the mixed doubles final with young Ruth Damyan as his partner against the Chinese pair of Ximing Yao and Zhang Ailing only emphasized his strength of arm and tremendous skill. If he does opt for the singles then Indonesia may have a new star.

India's two outstanding singles players, Prakash Padukone and Syed Modi, are the finest exponents of strokeplay. But power deficiency is their failing. Prakash is still among the first six in the world but he is much too vulnerable, he is wary of using force even when the opportunity presents itself. But Syed Modi is slowly developing aggression. His Commonwealth Games triumph and a semifinalist at the Asian indicate that he has the stuff to be in top ranks. But be bus to learn to face power bursts inasmuch as he must dole it out in equal measure. He was thrashed by Han Jian, whom only a year ago he had full extended. That Asian defeat underlined the need for Modi to have more pressure training.

The Sidek brothers of Malaysia caused a sensation at the All-England last year by winning the men's doubles crown. Jafri and Razif made a great pair even without their controversial spin service to assist them. They will have the South Koreans — champions in the Asian — to challenge them this time. Misbin too is a fine singles player. Not much has been seen of him in

recent days on account of injuries. He is probably looking forward to the All-England after his long lay-off.

The Grand Prix circuit in badminton has generated a new awareness. Full houses and big sponsorships are boosting the game tremendously.



Luan Jin ... bastion of China

In Memphis tourney

Wilander, Denton fall by the wayside

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 17 (AP) — Fritz Buchheim powered his way Wednesday night to a 7-5, 7-5, second-round upset over second-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden in the \$15,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships.

Earlier in the day, American Mike Depalmer scored the biggest victory of his four-month professional career by ousting seventh-seeded Steve Denton 6-4, 6-3 and advancing to third-round meeting against Australian Paul McNamee at the Racquet Club of Memphis.

Yannick Noah of France, seeded fourth in the 64-man draw, also advanced to the third round, barding his way past Mark Dickson 7-6, 6-3. However, Noah took a cortisone injection for tendinitis to his left leg after the match and it is not known if he will be able to continue in the tourney. In the night's final match No. 3 Gene Mayer beat compatriot Eddie Dibbs 6-3, 6-2 to earn a match against French youngster Henri Leconte.

In other early matches, ninth-seeded Buster Mottram of Britain eliminated Terry Moor 6-4, 6-2, No. 8 Eliot Teltscher ousted Tony Giannina 6-3, 7-6, No. 10 Brian Gottfried stopped Guy Forget of France 7-5, 6-0; No. 11 Brian Teacher defeated Sweden's Anders Jarryd 6-3, 6-4, and No. 15 Raúl Ramírez of Mexico downed Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden 6-2, 5-4.

Depalmer broke out on top, breaking

Deoton in the second game of the opening set. Denton then pulled even in the seventh game, but Depalmer broke his foe again in the eighth. In the second set, Depalmer grabbed the only service break when he broke Denton in the eighth game.

Meanwhile, Peter Bastiansen of Denmark upset lie Nastase of Romania 7-5, 7-6 in the first round of the \$88,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here.

The tall 20-year-old Dane, using an effective two-handed backhand, moved the veteran Nastase all over the court and wore him out quickly in Tuesday night's match. Bastiansen finished his rival by winning the second-set tiebreaker 8-6.

Bastiansen, a member of his country's Davis Cup team, had to win three qualifying matches to get into the 32-man singles competition, which opened Monday at the Union Club in this Pacific Coastal resort of Vina Del Mar, Chile.

He advanced to a second-round contest against top-seeded Hans Gildemeister of Chile, who defeated countryman Belus Prado 6-2, 6-4. In other matches, Damir Kerec of West Germany beat Ivan Camus of Chile 6-3, 6-3; Marcel Freeman of the U.S. beat Richard Cano of Argentina 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Alejandro Gattiker of Argentina beat Rocky Rogers of the U.S. 6-3, 6-4.

In Chicago, Andrea Jaeger used an impressive array of ground strokes to fashion a 6-1,

Jamaica to rest Holding against Indians

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Michael Holding, the fast bowler who will lead the West Indies attack in the forthcoming Test series, has been omitted from Jamaica's team to take on the touring Indian cricket team in the first match starting here Thursday.

Holding, regarded by many as the fastest bowler in the game, is being rested by the Jamaican selectors in preparation for the first Test match starting here next week.

The Jamaicans have already been weakened by the defection of five of their best players on the rebel West Indies tour of South Africa and are bottom of the Shell Shield table at present. They should not provide the Indians with too many problems.

Kapil Dev, the dynamic 24-year-old allrounder who has taken over the Indian captaincy from opening batsman Sunil

So near, yet so far for Peeters

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Boston goalie Pete Peeters let in a long slapshot 12 minutes into the game and lost his bid to tie the National Hockey League record for straight games without a loss as the Buffalo Sabres edged the Bruins 3-1 Wednesday night.

Peeters entered the game unbeaten in his last 31 starts — 26-0-5. The record of 32 straight games without a loss is held by Peeters' coach, Gerry Cheevers.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Barry Beck's 60-foot slap shot broke a 2-2 tie early in the third period, lifting the New York Rangers to a 5-4 decision over the Washington Capitals.

In two other actions, the Toronto Maple Leafs trounced the St. Louis Blues 6-3, while the Chicago Black Hawks flew past the Calgary Flames 5-3. The Black Hawks scored three unanswered goals in the third period.

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'Heavy' treat in the offing

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Feb. 17 (AP) — The two world heavyweight champions, Larry Holmes and Michael Dinkes, will both defend their crowns at the same boxing meeting, promoter Don King said here late Wednesday.

King is expected to announce an opponent for Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) titleholder. It is already known that World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Dokes will meet another American, Mike Weaver.

The bout, watched by just 2,200 fans in the 22,000-seat Meadowlands arena, got off to a fast start with the champion trying to take charge from the opening bell. Gordon, 23, won the first three rounds easily, just the fourth, and then dominated the fight until the

Gordon retains crown

EAST RUTHERFORD, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — World Boxing Council (WBC) cruiserweight champion S.T. Gordon retained his title by stopping veteran fellow-American Jesse Burnett in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-round bout here Wednesday night.

The end came at the close of the eighth round when Gordon backed Burnett into a neutral corner and staggered him with a vicious left-right combination to the head. With the challenger in serious trouble, Gordon unleashed a barrage of 20 unanswered blows to the head and face that sent Burnett crashing across the ring and down to the canvas.

Burnett, 37, was on his feet at the count of six but staggered head first into his own corner and referee Vincent Rainone stepped in and halted the bout at seven seconds after the round under a rule whereby a fighter cannot be saved by the bell once the count has begun.

Gordon, who now has won 12 straight fights, 11 by knockout, won the 195-pound (88 kgs) WBC title when he knocked out Carlos DeLeon of Puerto Rico in the second round last June 17. This was his first defense and brought his record, to 23 wins and five defeats.

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Puttemans, Waitz head strong fields

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Former world 5,000 meters record holder Emile Puttemans of Belgium and Norwegians Oyvind Dahl and Inge Simonsen head the oversize challenge in the London Marathon, which will be run on April 17.

Puttemans last year ran a Marathon in 2 hours, 10 minutes, 14 seconds. Simonsen was co-winner of the London Marathon in 1981, while Dahl was second last year behind Hugh Jones of Britain. Jones still is recovering from an Achilles tendon injury and will not be able to compete.

John Graham, fourth in the Commonwealth Games and with a best time of 2:09.28 for the distance, heads the British challenge along with Mike Gratton, who was third last year.

A total of 18,750 runners will compete in the 26-mile, 385-yard race through the historic streets of London. An additional 31,000 athletes had their entries rejected. Norwegian runner Grete Waitz heads the challenges for the women's title. Waitz's main rivals will include her compatriot Iogrid Kristiansen. New Zealander Lorraine Moller and Antonia Ladanyi of Hungary. Joyce Smith of Britain, the first woman to finish last year, has not entered.

Spassky stuns Timman

LINARES, Southern Spain, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Former world champion Boris Spassky sprung a big surprise at the Linares Chess Tournament when he beat one of the favorites, Jan Timman of the Netherlands, in the fourth round here Wednesday.

The disappointments continued for United States champion Yasser Seirawan. He suffered another defeat when he was beaten by British grand master Anthony Miles, who now leads the standings with three points, half a point more than Spassky.

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Vikings	6	2	1	3	51	5
KALA	6	2	1	3	46	5
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Dog Detective Ranjha

8 Case of the hidden earring

By Partap Sharma

The tree in which I found the hidden earring grew in the grounds of the Missionary's Bungalow. I was merely poking about as any tracker dog might when I was struck by the strong smell of soap coming from the knot-hole of a tree. It was a quite ordinary tree but the soapy smell was extraordinary. And it was not the smell of toilet soap either; it was the smell of a washing powder used for cleaning clothes. As I caught the unexpected odor I could almost see the flakes dissolving and foaming in a bucket of water.

I put my nose into the knot-hole and took out the earring. Woof gasped. The three large emeralds glittered on their background of gold.

Woof took the earring from me and said, "Let's return it."

As I set off, tracking free, with my nose to the ground, I knew Woof was thinking, as I was, that it was a funny place in which to find an earring. What was perhaps even funnier was that it wasn't a pair of earrings but just one. How had it come to be there?

The Missionary's Bungalow was a gaunt, deserted house. We had never seen a missionary there yet but there perhaps that was just an old name for the crumbling ruin. Mahabaleshwar is full of such places — solitary uncared for, almost forgotten. I often heard Woof asking passing villagers about these neglected bungalows scattered like milestones of history amid the jungle, but no one could tell us more than that sometimes their owners would come from the cities on a short holiday and camp in those cold, unfurnished rooms only to return to the city in disgust and there sell the structure to some other person who would rarely come.

For a moment I wondered what we would do if the scent led up to the Missionary's Bungalow for I knew there was no one there now. The trail was two days old.

But we went on past the bungalow and down a path leading to some huts. Had we been moving merely instinctively we might have rushed straight into that cluster of huts and asked about the owner of the earring. We were, however, following a definite trail and the scent led off to the right. Behind me Woof stopped in puzzlement. I had sniffed my way off the path now and was inching up the hill into the woods.

I could understand Woof's puzzlement. After all, there was a road going round the woods. Why hadn't the person we were following taken the open road. Even the little paths that criss-crossed the jungle had been avoided. It was almost as if the earring had made some mistake!

At this point a tall villager dressed in a Gandhi cap and clean white clothes appeared at the door of the hut. The woman ran to him breathlessly and said, pointing at Woof, "Look! He's got that lady's earring. He says I hide it in some tree. He's accusing me!"

The man took a couple of steps toward Woof and looked down at him with his head cocked slightly to one side. He spoke in a nasty tone.

"Who're you?" he asked.

Woof had now sensed that something was wrong. He realized that the earring in his hand was a stolen one. The woman recognized it but wished to deny all knowledge of how it came to be in the knot-hole of a tree.

Woof said, "Never mind who I am. Take me to the owner of this earring."

The tall man looked at the woman. Then he looked at me. Turning to Woof, he asked, "Is that a police dog?"

"No," Woof said, "but he's trained like one. He tracked this woman here. She stole the earring, I think, and hid it in the tree."

"Look, mister," the man said, "you are not a policeman to be going around accusing people. I happen to be the patil, the headman, of Mangli village down in the valley. I am appointed by the police. I know the law and I know who is a thief and who is not. This woman is my wife. Your dog has no business to go about chasing innocent people. Such a dog is a danger and a nuisance. He should be shot. Now give me the earring and I shall return it to its owner."

"No," said Woof. "I'll take it back to the owner myself."

"I am not a man to be trifled with," the tall fellow said, removing his cap and dusting it forcefully against one hand.

The slapping sound irritated me. It was a threat of violence. He was that kind of man. I growled.

The village headman put the cap back on his head, turned on his heel and went into the hut.

Woof sighed and motioning me to his side began to walk away.

The woman called something to the man and now he came back to the door of his hut. In his hand was a double-barreled gun.

"Hey you!" the man shouted. "Where're you going?"

Woof turned round.



"To the police," he said.

"No," said the man, "you are not. I say you are not."

I could see that the sight of the gun had not only shocked and frightened Woof, it had also made him angry.

"Surely," Woof said in an incredulous voice, "you don't intend to use that silly thing simply because I am going to the police with a stolen earring!"

"This is silly thing," the headman said sarcastically, "is a loaded twelve-bore. It helps me keep peace in the village. It also enables me to hunt rabbits. But today I could use it to destroy a dangerous dog and recover a stolen earring from his master."

Woof gave a little laugh.

"No one will believe you," he said.

"You won't be around to worry about that," the man replied, "and I have ways of making people believe me. You know what I think? I think you are trying to frame my wife. I think you are accusing her falsely in order to ruin my family name. This is a trick of my enemies. They have got you to do this for them. Perhaps you are innocent of mischief. I grant that. Perhaps you have been misled. You don't look the kind of person to get involved in the politics of a little local village. But who knows? The world is full of strange people. You may be a member of some political party that's trying to gain control of the area. You may be helping some people to dislodge me from my position as the village headman."

Woof was astounded. "You must be crazy!" he said.

The man nodded. "Maybe I am. Maybe I'm clever. Maybe I'm anything. Just give me the earring and get out of here. You're a young man. Don't mess up your life by poking your nose into other people's business."

"Be reasonable," Woof said with an attempt at a smile. "The dog and I happened to find a piece of jewelry and we want only to do the right thing by returning it to the owner."

The man cocked both barrels of his gun and muttered, "I've told you—just give it to me and get out."

His eyes had gone red and he was again looking at us sideways across his hawklike nose. The woman clung to one of his arms but he now shrugged her aside and raised the gun. It pointed at me.

"All right," Woof said. "Here you are, take the earring."

But the man was no fool. He jerked his head and said, "Throw it at my feet."

Woof hesitated. Then he said, "No, one of the emeralds is loose. It'll fall out."

"Never mind," said the man. "If the stone falls out, we'll find it."

"As you wish," Woof said and threw the earring at his feet. The man did not even look down.

"Now, I want you to—" he began but before he could say more Woof pointed a spot near his feet.

"By the way," Woof said, "is that a snake crawling into your hut?"

There are snakes in Mahabaleshwar but the poisonous kinds are rare. Nevertheless, people have to be careful especially in the rainy season and soon after. And snakes sometimes do crawl into huts.

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(To be continued next Friday)



Marriage customs of the East

By Najma Saleem

KARACHI — The institution of marriage presents a wide variety of rites and customs in every society and among every people. The more primitive a people, the more exotic the customs; but even in advanced societies where people have otherwise developed their social and cultural institutions, the marriage customs continue to be observed in the traditional style.

In Pakistan, as in India or some other parts of South Asia, marriages are usually arranged by the parents of both the boy and the girl well in advance, but in most cases the couple remains complete strangers to one another until after the wedding. The betrothed couple, thus, await their wedding day with throbbing hearts, having never set eyes on one another, and their minds continue picturing the images of their partners-in-life with a balm of love and romance. Even correspondence between the betrothed couple is tabooed. Therefore, love actually begins after the wedding, but strangely enough, such marriages prove successful in most cases. Divorces are rare as compared to the percentage of broken marriages in Western countries. In fact, a divorce is considered to be something highly undesirable in Pakistani society and recourse to legal remedies is taken only in extremely serious cases.

Innumerable rites and ceremonies take place in connection with the marriage starting with the betrothal ceremony; but before this, negotiations are made through a matchmaker or a common friend, or a relative of the two families. The girl's parents allow the female members of the prospective groom, or any of his near relations to see her, but the young man himself is not allowed to meet or see her at any stage until after actual wedding. Similarly, the parents or relatives of the girl can call on the parents of the boy to see the bridegroom-to-be.

In modern society, especially among the upper class families, which are more Westernized in outlook, the rigidity of this custom has, however, been relaxed to some extent, and it is possible now for a young man to see his bride-to-be before the betrothal ceremony.

On reaching the bride's house, the father of the bride and other distinguished elder members of her family receive the bridegroom and members of the wedding party at the entrance to the wedding hall, and after seating him at a place of honor — usually a dais decorated for the occasion — commence the religious rites of the marriage.

The ceremony is performed by a Qazi, or a conductor of weddings, who first of all gets the assent of the bride before commencing the Nikah or the marriage sermon. This is followed by similar assent of the groom before the witnesses. Thereafter, the Mehr, the dowry, and the pocket money of the bride are settled between the parties in the presence of the Qazi who draws a regular marriage deed and gets the signatures of the bride and the groom. Having completed these formalities, the Qazi recites a special Nikah (marriage) sermon, and the bridegroom and the bride are formally declared man and wife in accordance with the Islamic Law.

After completion of the wedding ceremony, sweets are distributed among every one present on the occasion. This is followed by a grand dinner or lunch given by the bride's people. A little later, the groom is led into the Zenana by two members of the bride's family. This is the occasion when the bridegroom meets the bride for the first time. It is a most picturesque ceremony, known as Arsi Mus-haf, which usually takes place late in the evening. The bride, dressed and made-up like a fairy queen, is seated heavily veiled, on an embroidered masnud (cushion) in the center of a room. Her younger sister, or a near relation leads the bridegroom into the room and is made to sit on the cushion facing the bride. A mirror is then placed on the cushion between them. Thereafter, a large sheet of silk or colored cloth is thrown over their heads and a copy of the Qur'an handed over to the bridegroom to read certain verses from it. After he has done that, the groom is asked to look at the image of the bride's face reflected in the mirror, while both are still hidden under the sheet.

Finally, on the day following the Mendihi celebrations at the groom's house, the wedding takes place. On that day, all members of the groom's family, along with their relations and friends collect at his house where, after a ceremonial bath, the bridegroom is "prepared" for the wedding. The dress of the bridegroom has to be rich and gorgeous, sometimes made of Zari (golden cloth), and for the headgear a silk turban with gold lace is considered essential for the occasion. The



SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE: With his face covered with flowers and gold lace, the bridegroom signs the marriage certificate.

bridegroom is also heavily garlanded with fresh flowers, and at times even for the face, a Sehra — gold threads woven with fresh flowers — is tied around his headgear. The Sehra actually serves as a heavy veil of strings of flowers to hide the face of the bridegroom against evil eyes.

In this way, the groom is led in a procession to the bride's house, either on horseback, or nowadays in a shiny limousine, also tastefully decked with flowers and tinsels. The wedding procession consists of the father, the family members, relations and friends of the groom, followed by the bride's trouousseau, with the accompaniment of a pipe or brass-band, playing gay tunes.

On reaching the bride's house, the father of the bride and other distinguished elder members of her family receive the bridegroom and members of the wedding party at the entrance to the wedding hall, and after seating him at a place of honor — usually a dais decorated for the occasion — commence the religious rites of the marriage.

The ceremony is performed by a Qazi, or a conductor of weddings, who first of all gets the assent of the bride before commencing the Nikah or the marriage sermon. This is followed by similar assent of the groom before the witnesses. Thereafter, the Mehr, the dowry, and the pocket money of the bride are settled between the parties in the presence of the Qazi who draws a regular marriage deed and gets the signatures of the bride and the groom. Having completed these formalities, the Qazi recites a special Nikah (marriage) sermon, and the bridegroom and the bride are formally declared man and wife in accordance with the Islamic Law.

After completion of the wedding ceremony, sweets are distributed among every one present on the occasion. This is followed by a grand dinner or lunch given by the bride's people. A little later, the groom is led into the Zenana by two members of the bride's family. This is the occasion when the bridegroom meets the bride for the first time. It is a most picturesque ceremony, known as Arsi Mus-haf, which usually takes place late in the evening. The bride, dressed and made-up like a fairy queen, is seated heavily veiled, on an embroidered masnud (cushion) in the center of a room. Her younger sister, or a near relation leads the bridegroom into the room and is made to sit on the cushion facing the bride. A mirror is then placed on the cushion between them. Thereafter, a large sheet of silk or colored cloth is thrown over their heads and a copy of the Qur'an handed over to the bridegroom to read certain verses from it. After he has done that, the groom is asked to look at the image of the bride's face reflected in the mirror, while both are still hidden under the sheet.

While the bridegroom gets the first glimpse of the bride's face reflected through the mirror, the ladies present around the couple sing and laugh and tease the bridegroom and his sisters and cousins. After he has seen the bride's face, the groom slips a ring on her first finger of the groom's right hand, amidst a good deal of fun and frolic.

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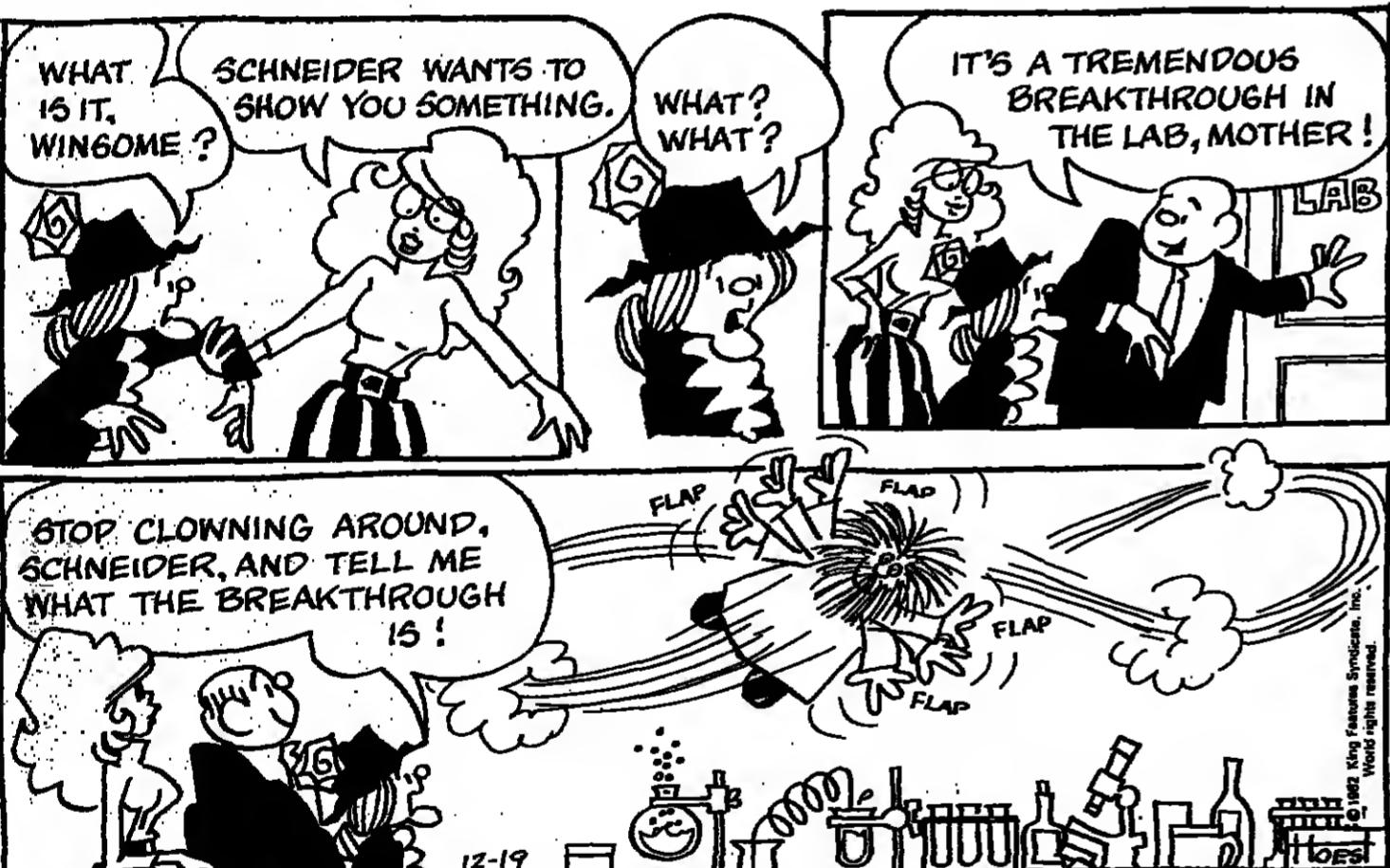
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by Gordon Bess



AGATHA CRUMM



Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1983

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Finances may cause tension, but you'll have luck with travel and educational matters. Faith is the best antidote for worry.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

You'd be wise to defer to the wishes of friends and loved ones. Be cooperative, especially with higher-ups and co-workers.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Preoccupied with your own problems, you're inclined to withdraw into yourself. Luck, though, awaits you in partnership matters.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Investigate new career options. A romantic hurt may cause you to go overboard when socializing with friends. Protect health.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Romantic surprises are in store for you, but don't combine business and pleasure. Double-check career proposals carefully.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

It's not a good time to give or take advice. You'll have to make up your own mind first before others can help you.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

A career idea is worth pursuing. Still, don't count your chickens before they're hatched. You could get carried away.



Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ex Mrs. Arnaz

3 Inamorata

4 Grassland

5 Finish

8 Proclamation

11 Magazine VIP

7 Bell

14 Widen

15 Frost

16 "Gunsmoke"

role

17 Sun's tenth

18 Satanic form

20 C.S.A. hero

21 Beverage

22 Cherry

variety

23 Grovel

26 Montana

city

27 Ululate

28 Brightest

star

29 I love (Lat.)

30 Tobacco pipe

34 Distant

35 Blvd.

36 Constel-

37 Withstand

39 Prevari-

40 Tex or Thelma

41 Penetrating

42 Seashore

43 Hammer part

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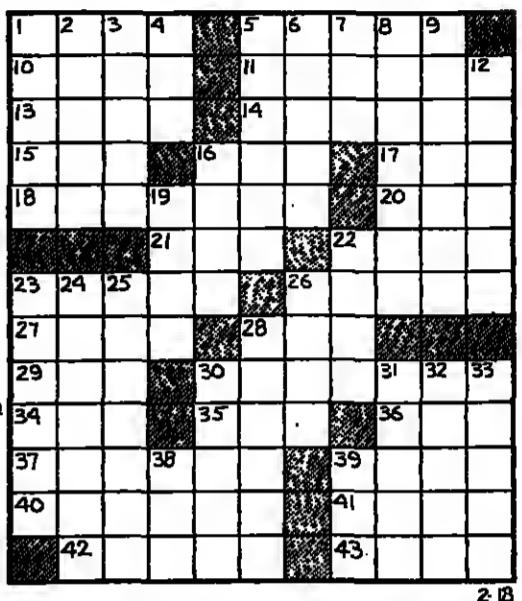
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SUPERINTEND
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DEN SENI
CHASE R WAND
RADAR DANTE
ELMO CENTER
ATICAL
SIT ASTRIDE
ENTERTAINER
GETTO STAD
DEER KONA

Yesterday's Answer

24 Derived 30 Worries
from Rome 31 "Alfie" star
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wize quiz
33 Nobleman
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R

I S L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, R for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

W X K N N L T O C C L T W K F N X C T
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ONLY FOOLS WANT TO TRAVEL ALL THE TIME: SENSIBLE MEN WANT TO ARRIVE.—VON METTERNICH

Contract Bridge B. Jay and Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South and the bidding has gone:

West North East South
1♦ Dble Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♦ 8753 ♠ A74 0 952 ♦ J63
2. ♦ KJ842 ♠ 9 0 9764 ♠ AQ6
3. ♦ Q6 ♠ KJ84 0 QJ832 ♠ K5
4. ♦ Q8545 — 0 AJ63 ♠ KJ872

L One spade. It may be argued that this is not a bidable suit, but the fact is that you're not responsible for the texture of the suit when you respond to partner's takeout double. The double is expected to tread gingerly opposite a forced response until such time as responder makes a jump response.

I It's better to bid one spade than one notrump. The latter response is generally reserved for hands with 7 to 9 points as well as at least one stopper in the adverse suit.

T Two spades. This hand is obviously much stronger than the preceding one, and you should tell partner of your more promising values by making a jump response.

If you were to respond only one spade, North would have no way of knowing that you have 10 high-card points, a singleton heart and a good five-card suit. He might pass

Tomorrow: Sheer artistry.

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one spade and this could cost you a game. In general, the responder to a takeout double makes a jump bid when he has a better than average hand.

Two notrump. It is highly likely, once partner has doubled, that there's a game in the hand. With 12 points facing at least an opening bid, as represented by the double, you should make a jump response to identify your values.

The best game contract probably lies in notrump. That is why it is better to avoid responding with three diamonds. This would suggest distributional values that you lack. Furthermore, partner might have a hand with which he would pass three diamonds but not pass two notrump.

Two hearts. You ought to feel very bullish about game prospects with this layout opposite a takeout double. Where the best game lies is uncertain at this point. Instead of trying to guess which suit will serve best as trump, you can force partner to make the choice by cuebidding West's suit.

You intend to go to game in any suit North chooses to bid. Furthermore, there is good reason to hope that the combination of your cuebid and a jump raise to game will arouse partner's interest in a slam.

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Australian bushfires continue raging as death toll rises to 69

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 17 (Agencies)

— Firefighters battled for a second day Thursday to control raging bushfires in southeast Australia which killed at least 69 persons and was expected to become the worst in the nation's history.

With 46 dead in Victoria and 23 in south Australia, police expect the toll could surpass Australia's worst bushfire in 1931 which killed 71 persons. Officials said more than 8,000 persons have been left homeless by the fire.

But the death toll continued to rise almost hourly Thursday as firefighters and rescue workers searched for victims. Late Thursday, firefighters battled new outbreaks of fire in the hills around Melbourne.

Officials said the fires shot flames 300 feet through pine plantations and eucalyptus forest with such force that fully grown pine trees snapped like match sticks.

"The roar of the wind and the flames were horrific, it was like a train," said Mrs. Alanor Gray, whose store in Macedon was destroyed.

Victorian state Premier John Cain told newsmen after a tour of the devastated southeast corner of the state that 36 persons had perished in the holocaust which swept the parched countryside late Wednesday afternoon and burned on through the night. He

With espionage

Soviet charged in Rome

ROME, Feb. 17 (AP) — A Soviet airline official and a top executive of an Italian microfilm company were formally charged with espionage, the Italian news agency Ansa said.

The agency said Victor Pronine, the 46-year-old deputy head of the local Aeroflot station, was charged with political-military espionage after a high-level official of a Genoa-based microfilm firm had reportedly admitted maintaining links with Soviet agents.

Pronine and the microfilm executive, 33-year-old Azelio Negrino, were arrested here on Monday amid reports that they were trying to obtain NATO deployment plans.

Ansa said Pronine refused to respond to investigators after a brief meeting with two unidentified officials of the Soviet consulate who visited him at Rome's Regina Coeli Prison Wednesday night.

Italian magistrate Domenico Sica, who is leading the investigation, then formally announced he was filing charges against the Soviet, the report said.

The Soviet Embassy, which on Tuesday

had earlier put the death toll in his state at 57 dead and the national total at 80 dead.

Police in neighboring south Australia confirmed 23 persons had died there and seven were missing, presumed dead. Cain said more than 2,000 homes had been lost in Victoria alone. Many thousands were homeless.

Rescuers searched the wreckage of seven towns destroyed by the blaze as firefighters battled to quell fires still raging out of control, some as close as 40 kilometers to Melbourne, the Victorian capital and second largest city in Australia.

The fires have blackened vast areas of parched, drought-stricken country in the 805 kilometers between Melbourne and Adelaide.

The victims included 12 firefighters who were incinerated in two trucks and a family of five burned to death in their car.

A woman from the Adelaide hills, on the outskirts of Adelaide, said she and her family survived by lying down in the middle of the road as the bush fires swept past.

Mrs. Coleen Trotter said four of her neighbors were burned to death. "My husband tried to help one neighbor," she said. "He grabbed him but the flesh just came off his arms. He died on the way to hospital."

A man and his girlfriend tried to shelter in a

storm drain but they died when the flames leaped across roads at 80 kilometers an hour, devastated the township, police said.

More than 100 children survived the fires by huddling under wet towels in a kindergarten while their parents played hoses on the encroaching flames from the roof. Officials said nearly 1,000 persons received injuries, mostly burns, while thousands of people who lost their homes were being put up in town halls or schools.

Police said many people straddled the roofs of their houses trying to douse the flames but, with water pressure low because of the drought, were forced to flee as the buildings caught fire. Farmers who abandoned their farms to the flames let their livestock out of barns but many thousands of sheep and cattle were believed to have perished.

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Queen Elizabeth sends message

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She said, in a telegram to the Australian governor general: "I have been shocked and distressed by the news of the cruel bushfires in Victoria and south Australia and of the sad toll in human lives and destruction of property."

The Queen added in the message, released by Buckingham Palace: "Please convey deepest sympathy from Prince Philip and myself to the relatives of those who have died, to the injured and to those who have suffered the grievous loss of homes and possessions."

Mrs. Thatcher has sent a message of sympathy to Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser telling him that he need only ask for aid that Britain can offer and it will be provided.

Italian newspapers have said Negrino and

Pronine were nabbed as the Soviet was to pick up microfilm plans of NATO installations in northern Italy. Ansa said investigators seized "huge" quantities of documents in Negrino's hotel room in Rome.

U.S. jury acquits U.K. arms dealer

DALLAS, Feb. 17 (R) — A federal jury acquitted British arms dealer Ian Smalley of all five charges that he had conspired to smuggle arms to Iran and Iraq, and the jury foreman criticized the U.S. government for bringing the case to trial.

"I think the government owes him (Smalley) an apology," said Thomas Dyer of Dallas, who led the jurors through more than three days of deliberations.

The commander in Suchitoto, who offered no estimate of casualties, said 12 U.S.-equipped helicopters brought about 150 reinforcements to the northern outskirts of the town. About 150 to 200 army soldiers, national guardsmen and national police normally are stationed in Suchitoto, and military officers there estimated that as many as 2,000 guerrillas were in the area.

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